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PUBLIC NOTIFICATIONS.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

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BENGAL COAL CO., LTD.

THE Undersigned hereby notify that they have RELINQUISHED from THIS DATE the AGENCY of the BENGAL COAL Co., Ltd.

W. & A. GRAHAM & Co.

Bombay, 14th April, 1910.

THE MANOCKJEE PETIT MANUFACTURING CO., LD.

NOTICE is hereby given that a DIVIDEND for the six months ended 31st December, 1909, at the rate of Rs. 70 (seventy) per Share (or Rs. 1,000 paid up), will be paid on and after WEDNESDAY next, the 20th inst., at the Office of the Company, No. 6, Hornby Row, Fort, from 11-30 A. M. to 3-30 P. M. (S.T.), on production of the Share Certificates to Shareholders, whose names stand on the Register of Shares this day the 14th instant.

By Order of the Board,
D. M. PETIT SONS & CO.,
Agents.

The Manockjee Petit Manufacturing, Co., Ld., Bombay, 14th April, 1910.

MUNICIPALITY OF BOMBAY.

NOTICE.

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay upto 1 p. m. (B. T.) on MONDAY, the 25th day of April, 1910, for the execution of the works noted below :—

(a) Laying a 4" Cast Iron pipe drain from DeLisle Road to the boundary of the Century Mills premises.

(b) Construction of a trough pattern latrine of 40 seats and three washing places at the Tardeo Flats.

(c) Constructing a storm water drain in Mughbhat Lane.

2. Forms of Contract, Specification, &c., may be obtained free of charge from the Deputy Executive Engineer, Drainage, who will on application give any further information that may be required.

3. The Tenderers will have to lodge deposit as shown below :—

Item No.	Amount to be deposited with the tender.	Further deposit on acceptance of tender.
	Rs.	
(a) ...	240	Deductions at the rate of 5 per cent. to make the total deposit not exceeding 10 per cent. on the contract amount, less the cost of the articles to be supplied by the Commissioner under the contract will be made from the bills of the contractor whose tender may be accepted.
(b) ...	270	
(c) ...	400	

4. Tenders enclosed in separate covers, signed and sealed, should be delivered in the Chief Accountant's Office up to the time abovementioned. The deposit to accompany each tender should be in cash or public securities. This will be forfeited in case of withdrawal of tender or refusal to sign the contract.

5. The Municipal Commissioner does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any tender.

6. The Contract rates for works similar to those included in items (b) and (c) have been put up on the General Notice Board of the Municipal Office for the information of the tenderers.

By order of the Municipal Commissioner,
JOSEPH HAIL, M. INST. C.E., M.I.M.E., &c.,
Executive Engineer, Bombay Municipality.
Executive Engineer's Office,
Bombay, 13th April, 1910.

THE ASSOCIATED EXCHANGE BANKS.

THE ASSOCIATED EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED on MONDAY, the 18th instant, being Public Holidays under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.

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A SUPERINTENDENT for the Maternity Hospital, Burma Branch, COUNTESS OF DUFFERIN'S FUND, Rangoon.

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H. W. WATTS,
Honorary Secretary and Treasurer,
Countess of Dufferin's Fund,
Rangoon.

GREAT INDIAN PENINSULA RAILWAY.

A SPECIAL TRAIN will RUN from DELHI to BOMBAY on each of the following dates, leaving Delhi at 8.15 A.M. and arriving Bombay at 2-45 p.m. the next day. Intermediate Timings can be obtained at G. I. P. Railway Stations :—

Wednesday, 20th Apr. 1910 } To meet s.s. "Mantua."
Thursday, 21st " " }
Thursday, 28th " " ...To meet s.s. "Salsette."
Wednesday, 4th May " } To meet s.s. "Caledonia."
Thursday, 5th " " }
Thursday, 12th " " ...To meet s.s. "Salsette."

For Passengers from and via Lucknow a Carriage will run from Lucknow, which will be attached at 9-25 A.M., to the Passenger Train, due at Jhansi at 4 P.M., where it will be attached to the Special Train. Berths can be reserved by the specials from any Stations North of Jhansi on application to the Station Superintendent, Delhi Junction.

No reserved accommodation can be booked by these Special Trains through from a foreign line. All passengers booked via Delhi from Foreign lines will have to change at Delhi Junction, but these specials will not wait for any foreign line train which may be running late.

A Bogie composite carriage with accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers will also be attached every Thursday, during March and April, to the Up Delhi Daily Express leaving Delhi Junction at 20-0 o'clock and arriving Bombay at 7 A.M., on the Saturdays. No berths can be reserved by this carriage from any station South of Jhansi.

H. C. RADFORD,
for General Traffic Manager.
Bombay, 23rd February, 1910.

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SATURDAY, SATURDAY, SATURDAY, 16TH APRIL — Lessee and Manager Maurice E. Bandmann. OPENING NIGHT. THE

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By L. P. Parikh. Rs. 6,
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SALES BY AUCTION.

CRAWFORD & COMPANY,
No. 7, MARINE STREET.

MONDAY next, the 18th instant, being a public holiday, our usual Weekly Sale of carriages, horses &c., will take place on Tuesday, the 19th instant.

WEEKLY SALE.

ON TUESDAY, the 19th instant, at 2-30 p.m. (S.T.), Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, at our Rooms, in Bank Street, Fort, Bombay, a quantity of grey, white and coloured piece-goods and the following:—

Furniture such as chairs, easy chairs, sofas, tables, side tables, teapoys, writing and wash-hand tables, tiled top teapoys, double and single door almirahs, cabinets, bookstands, iron safes, etc.

1 knitting machine by Higham Machine and Co., Manchester.

By order the Official Liquidator, in the matter of Tricumdas Mills, Ltd:—

1 Remington Typewriter No. 8, brief size.

By order of the Post Master General, unserviceable goods such as canvas bags, leather mallets and leather bags, letter boxes, tables, iron safes, seaks, etc.

At 3 p.m (S.T.)

Several new and second-hand gent's and lady's bicycles by different makers.

1 rubber tyred victoria.
1 rubber-tyred vis-a-vis.

By order of R. D. Sethna, Esq., Acting Official Assignee and Assignee of the estate of Bbagwandas Vishram, an Insolvent.

1 brougham, 1 victoria and grey Arab horse.

By order of R. D. Sethna, Esq., Receiver in Suit No. 797 of 1900 (Dewji Waghji vs. Hansraj Waghji and others.

1 brougham, 1 horse, 1 landau 2 shigrams, 1 bullock cart.

The property of a gentleman:—

1 bay Australian gelding, 9 years old, trained charger up to great weight, excellent jumper, believed to be sound.

AUCTION SALE of Valuable Furniture, made to order, etc., of the Watson's Annexe Hotel, at Apollo Bander.

In the High Court of Judicature at Bombay
O. O. C. Jurisdiction.
Suit No. 663 of 1909.

Raja Bahadur Narsingirji Giangirji of Hyderabad (Deccan) ..... Plaintiff
vs.

1. Syed Sirdar Ali Khan, Executor of the last Will of Nawab Syed Abdul Hakkarnalkar, Sirdar Dilar-ul-Mulk Bahadur, and

2. Haji Jackeria Haji Ahmed Patel... Defendants.

Under instructions from and by order of Limjee Nowrojee Banajee, Esquire, the Receiver appointed in the above Suit by an order of the High Court, dated the 11th day of November, 1909, and 2nd December 1909, respectively, and pursuant to the directions contained in the said order, Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction, on the premises, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, the 15th instant, at 2-30 p.m. (S.T.), such day, valuable and substantial made teak and blackwood bedroom, sitting furniture, such as iron single and double bedsteads, single and double mirror doors almyrahs, chest-of-drawers with mirror, easy chair, teapoys, dressing, washhand and writing tables, teapoys, semi-grand piano by Indian Standard Piano Co., mahogany full size billiard table with accessories.

N. B.—Electric fans, lights and fittings will be sold on the day to be fixed hereafter.

Catalogues are published and the property is on view.

AUCTION SALE OF VERY VALUABLE JEWELLERY.

Under instructions from the Pledgee, Mr. Banohhodas Madhowdas, Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will put up for sale by Public Auction, on account and at the risk of the heirs and legal representatives of the estate of the Pledgor, the late Mr. Damoder Lakhmidas, at 2-30 p.m (S.T), on TUESDAY, the 19th day of April, 1910, at their Rooms, in Bank Street, Fort, Bombay, the following very valuable Jewellery, comprising:—

Diamond and emerald necklace, pearl bangles, pearl necklaces, ear-drops, ear-rings, necklets, diamond ear-rings, pearl head, nose and neck ornaments, diamond, brilliants and sapphire rings, pearl armlets, pearl headdress, nose rings, pearl armlets and bangles, ruby bangles, diamond ring, diamond necklace, ear-drops, pearl and ruby bangles, pearl vanki, diamond and pearl ear-rings, pearl and emerald bangles, diamond and ruby ear-rings, and other ornaments.

The above will be on view 4 days before the day of sale.

Cash will be required at the time of sale.

BONA FIDE SALE.

On WEDNESDAY, the 27th instant, at 2-30 p.m. (S.T.), Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at Narayen Dabholkar Road Lands End, Malabar Hill, very valuable and handsome teak and blackwood household furniture, by Wimbridge, Roberts, Breslaur, and others, such as mahogany and teakwood sliding, dining tables, arm and armless chairs, handsome mirror, back sideboard, dinner wagons, side tables, glass door plate cupboards, English Cobra by Kent, two handsome tapestry, upholstered, drawingroom suites upholstered, easychairs, rosewood, teapoys, English-made carpets, handsome China carved cabinets, sweet toned, square piano, by Schiedmayer, full size state billiard table by Rudmond & Co., Calcutta, benches, glass door book cases, inlaid pier tables, panelled partition screen, Singapore cane furniture, rich engraving and pictures, two Jost's fans, iron single and double bedsteads, mirror door almirahs, clothes and hanging presses, marble top dressing and wash-hand tables, chest-of-drawers, head and side door curtains, gas lamps, iron stoves by Smith and Wellstood, handsome English viavis, by Windover and Co., powerful bay horse, sets of English harness, table and hanging lamps, garden plants in tubs and pots, etc., etc., the property of Messrs. A. A. Vlasto and T. J. Ward.

Catalogues will be published and the property will be on view four days before the sale.

CRAWFORD & Co.

Bombay, 15th April, 1910.

MENESSE AND COMPANY,
No. 35, HUMMUM STREET.

AUCTION SALE OF the Right of the Temporary Occupation of the Vacant Land.

Under instructions from the Bombay Improvement Trust, Messrs. MENESSE and Co. will sell by Public Auction, on the premises, near Carnac Bunder Bridge, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, the 15th April 1910, at 3 30 p.m. (S.T.), the right of the temporary occupation of the following vacant land:

Plot No. 1 B: 2 B St., No. 2 A: 72-74 Doongri Kole Cross Lane.

Plot No. 3 B 4 B: 5 B: 7 B: 8 B: St No. 90-92: 94-98: 2-4: 116-31-80: 256-62: 303 and 309 Bhendari Lane: Doongri Kole Street, Carnac Road: Janjiker Street.

Plot No. 6 B St. No. 3 Mahomed Sayed Mookeri Street.

Full particulars, Auction conditions, and plans of the plots can be seen at the Trust Engineer's Office, Esplanade Road, Fort, or at the office of the undersigned.

AUCTION SALE OF 50 BALES BROACH COTTON.

Under instructions from the B. B. and C. I. Railway Co., Messrs. MENESSE & Co. will sell by Public Auction, TO-MORROW, SATURDAY the 16th April, 1910, at 4-30 p.m. (S.T.), at the Company's Colaba Goods Depot, near the Tramway Company's Stables:—

50 bales F P Broach cotton, slightly damaged by fire and water, Invoice No. 99 B R 445 of 1-4-10.

MENESSE & Co.

Bombay, 15th April, 1910.

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If your baking is not always quite successful—if you find it takes too long—try the certain and quick method of home baking with
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The "Paisley Flour" way is—to eight parts of ordinary flour add one part of "Paisley Flour," then follow with the other ingredients as usual.
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SALES BY AUCTION.

BENNETT & COMPANY,
No. 23, APOLLO STREET.

TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, the 16th instant, at 3-30 p.m. (S.T.), Messrs. BENNETT and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, a quantity of grey and coloured piece-goods, etc.

AT 2 P.M. (S.T.)

1 second-hand glass-fronted miniature office brougham, in good order.

1 second-hand rubber-tyred palanquin office shigram, in good order.

1 handsome strong rubber-tyred victoria, in very good order.

1 grey pony, quiet in harness and saddle.

1 bay Arab, quiet in harness.

1 pair of pegoo ponies, go well in single and double harness.

1 large buffaloe, giving 12 to 14 seers of milk daily.

AUCTION SALE OF VERY VALUABLE JEWELLERY.

TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, the 16th instant, at 3 p.m. (S.T.), Messrs. BENNETT & Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, by order of the mortgagee and on account and risk of Sha Jeshabhoy Javherchand and with the consent of the Official Assignee, the following:—

One very valuable large diamond ring about 14 ratics.

One very valuable large diamond ring about 20 ratics.

One large ruby ring about 8½ ratics.

Two large ruby and diamond tendem pattern rings.

One ruby and diamond marquis ring.

One ruby and diamond rose ring.

Two ruby and diamond hoop rings.

One diamond ring.

Two loose diamonds about 7 10-16 ratics.

Six loose diamond about 6½ ratics.

Three loose diamond about 3½ ratics.

The above is on view.

AUCTION SALE of VERY VALUABLE PEARLS.

Messrs. BENNETT and Co. will, TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, the 16th instant, sell by Public Auction, at 3 p.m. (S.T.), at their Rooms, by order of the pledgee and on account and risk of Nawabzada Nasrula khan and his wife Begum Mumtaz Jehan, the pledgors, the following:—

One round	pearl	weighing	36 1-2 chows.
"	"	"	36 "
One soojni	"	"	74 3-4 "
One soojni	"	"	42 1-2 "

The above is on view.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE BUILDING PLOTS AT MALABAR HILL ROAD.

Under instructions from the Owner, Messrs. BENNETT & Co. will, on TUESDAY, the 19th instant, at 4-30 p.m. (S.T.), sell by Public Auction, on the site the following very valuable building plots of freehold tenure, suitable for building small cottages or bungalows:—

Plot.	Sq. Yds.	Plot No.	Sq. Yds.
1	699	5	1047
2	696	6	1133
3	813	7	1188
4	1014		

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to the Undersigned.

AUCTION SALE OF VERY VALUABLE BUILDING PLOTS FACING THE SEA AT CHAUPATTI, NEAR CHAUPATTI LEVEL CROSSING AND AT MATHEW ROAD.

Under instructions from the Bombay Improvement Trust, Messrs. BENNETT & Co. will, on WEDNESDAY, the 20th instant at 4-30 p.m. (S.T.), sell by Public Auction, the following plots for a term of 99 years—

East Chawpatti Estate in front of the Railway Level Crossing.

Plot No.	Approximate Area
2	349 Sq Yds
3	652 "

Mathew Road Estate for a term of 999 years.

Plot No.	Approximate Area
2	971 Sq yds

Plot No. 12.—Area 1367 square yards. This plot is situated opposite the Railway crossing and next to Mr. Madgowker's Bungalow and has two frontages one on the Mathew Road and the other on the New Queen's Road.

A shop will be allowed on all these plots and mahanies also be allowed near the rooms.

The sale of all the above plots will take place on plot No. 12, opposite the Chaupati Level crossing.

For further particulars, auction and building conditions, form of lease and plan of the sites can be had on application to the Trust Engineer, Trust Building, Fort, or to the undersigned.

BONA-FIDE SALE.

On SATURDAY, the 23rd April, at 2 p.m. (S.T.), Messrs. BENNETT and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at No. 1 Bungalow on New Marine Lines, the very valuable and specially designed handsome teak and blackwood household furniture and appointments made to order by Messrs. Mackenzie, Roberts, Benjamin and others, rich crystal and Bohemian glassware, Dalton, Limoges, and other rich Chinaware best plated ware, large telescopes, dining table in 7 pieces, marble-top specially designed large sideboard and dumbwaiters, elegant and specially finished drawingroom suite of sofas and chairs, fancy cabinets, one ebonized semi-grand piano by Hopkinson, London, best ormulu table ornaments, valuable and bound books on Finance, Law, Banking and general Literature, Watson's microscope, Beck's dissecting microscope, Beck's mellimetre, section cutter and freezer, mounting cabinets, staining cabinets, big gramophone, superengraving and water-colours, Emil Busch hand camera and accessories, teak and blackwood superior bedsteads, mirror door almyrah, American hatstand, Nigratis recording thermometer with charts, book presses and stands, English dressing and writing tables, tea-poys, card tables, Singapore furniture, brougham, by Laurie and Marner, high back victoria, strong specially built office shigram, 16 h. p., practically new Humber motor car de luxe in perfect running order and with detachable wheels, hood, etc., etc., the property of Dadiba Merwanji Dalal, Esq.

Catalogues will be published and the property will be on view 4 days before the sale.

AUCTION SALE of Very Valuable Bungalow, at Doongarsey Road, Malabar Hill.
Suit No. 238 of 1909.

Jamnabahoo, widow..... Plaintiff
Vs.
Jivavahoo, widow and others..... Defendants.

Under instructions of Mr. R. D. Sethna, the Receiver, appointed herein, Messrs. BENNETT & Co. will put up for sale by Public Auction, at the premises the immoveable property described in the Schedule hereunder written, on SUNDAY, the 1st May 1910, at 5 p.m. (S.T.)

Schedule above referred to.

All that piece or parcel of Pasandari tenure land or ground containing by admeasurement three thousand and ninety-seven square yards or thereabouts, together with all the messuage, tenements or bungalows standing thereon, and assessed by the Municipality of Bombay, under Ward No. 3145, and Street No. 4-5, Collector's Old No. 672, New No. D Old Survey No. 21 and New Survey No. 2718 1 A 7255 which premises are situate at and the east side of the public street, called the Doongersey Road, at Walkeswar, outside the Fort of Bombay, in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, and are bounded on or towards the east by the property of Gangadas Vijbhukman, on or towards the west by the said Doongersey Road, on or towards the south by the Charitable property (field) belonging to Saony Brahmins, and on or towards the north by the property of Khoja Mohamedbhoy.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to Messrs. Captain and Vaidya, Attorneys for the Receiver or to the Undersigned.

AUCTION SALE of Unclaimed Goods, Sweepings, etc, at the G. I. P. Railway Wari Bunder Goods Depot.

In accordance with Section 55 and 56 of the Railway Act of 1890 and under instructions from the G. I. P. Railway, Messrs. BENNETT & Co. will, on MONDAY the 2nd May 1910, at 2-30 p.m. (S.T.), sell by Public Auction, at the abovementioned place, a quantity of unclaimed goods, grain and seeds in bags, empty cylinder, manila ropes, case of medicine, bundles of bagging and bedding, bags of tent poles, cask of coaltar, iron pulley chain, old books, box of pictures, parcel of C. P. goods, brass ring frame, wooden cart, tins of ghee, case of soap, empty casks, bags of cotton, marble stone, heaps of sweeping grain, etc., etc.

BENNETT & Co.

Bombay, 15th April, 1910.

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BANKS.

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RESERVE FUND (in Government Paper) .....Rs. 27,50,000

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GEO. HOGG, Manager.
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42/43, Church Gate Street.

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ESTABLISHED 1880.
CAPITAL PAID-UP .....Yen 24,000,000
RESERVE FUNDS ..... " 16,250,000

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Incorporated under the Indian Companies Act VI. of 1882.
HEAD OFFICE:
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CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED ...Rs. 1,00,00,000
CAPITAL CALLED UP ... " 50,00,000
RESERVE FUND ..... " 1,75,000

DIRECTORS:
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CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS.
INTEREST is allowed on Daily Balance from Rs. 500 to Rs. 1,00,000 at the rate of 2½ per cent. per annum and on sums over Rs

DAILY MARKET REPORT.

LONDON, April 13.

Consols 2 1/2 per cent. ... 81 3/4—1—1/8
Exchange on London at Paris Fcs. 25/2/2—1/2—0-1/2
Rentes 3 per cent .. ... 98 3/4 unchgd
Berlin Cheques on London ... 20·49 1/2 unchgd
Bar Silver Spot, ... 24 9/16+ 1/8
Do. 2 months hence ... 24 9/16 + 1/8
Easing Tone of Silver.—Indian Bazar Buying
Bank Rate 3 1/2 per cent ... 63 1/4 unchgd
Exchange on India 30 dst. (Bank buying rate) ... 1-3-15 unchgd
Discount Bank of England Rate 4 per cent. since 17th Mar, 1910.
Amount paid into the Bank of England about ... £ 100,000
2 1/2 per cent. Indian Stock (Sterling Loan) ... ... 95 1/2 —3/8
Discount Bank Bills 3 m/st ... 3 15/16 unchgd
Indian Bank Bills 6 m/st 3 3/4 unchgd
Fine Trade Bills 3 months 4 1/4 unchgd
Fine Trade Bills 6 months 4 3/8—1/8
Gold (per ozs.)... ... 77·9 unchgd.
Today to day loans... ... 2 3/4 unchgd
Best of day market loans ... 3 3/8—1/2

COUNCIL BILLS.

Periodical Biddings for Council Bills on Offer Rs. 7,000,000
Rs. 1,90,000 were allotted to Calcutta
" 3,10,000 " to Bombay
" 11,20,000 " to Madras

Rs. 6,30,000
Calcutta at 1s. 4 1-16d. (Min. Rate)
Rate above that rate in full.
Bombay at 1s. 4 1-16d. (Min. Rate)
Rate above that rate in full.
Result of allotment, Calcutta and Bombay,

Before:—
Rs. 70,000 were allotted to Calcutta.
" 10,000 " to Bombay.
" 90,000 " to Madras.

Rs. 90,000
Sold at 1s. 4 3-32d. (Min. Rate) re-
Rate that rate in full.
Sold at 1s. 4 3-32d. (Min. Rate) re-
Rate that rate in full.
Allotment, Calcutta and Bombay,

Bills sold during the week end-
including last Public Sale,

For next week, Rs. 90,00,000.

Rs. 80,000 at 1 4 3-32
" 10,000 at 1 4 3-32

MANCHESTER, April 13.

COTTON.

Spot ... 10,000 Bales.
Sold for Exp 1,000 "
Indian ... 50 "
" ... 10,000 "
Spot. —Good demand, steady.
Prices—Steady.
Indian... Quiet.
... Steady.
... 7·94 +3
...15 11-16—1/8

	M. J.	J.-J.
	7·63	7·58
	+2	+2
	A.-S	S.-O.
	7·34	6·81
	+3	+1
	S. D.	D.-J.
	6·57	6·55
	unchgd	unchgd

300 bales.

BETS.

LIVERPOOL, April 13.

...	10,000	
...	30,000	
...	12,000	
...	15,000	

Advanced on com-
Commission house liqui-
Liquidation and declined
Later owing to
Clearish private
Crop report.

... 15·30 unchgd
... 8 1-2 unchgd
4·87 3/4 +1/8
... 53 3/8 + 1/4
... 14 5-8unchgd
... Steady.
...May 14·44—1
...July 14·51—1

LONDON, April 13.

63 1/8
months—April-May.
Ports—Antwerp.
Buyers, Sellers, &c
Done.

AN.
per 492 lbs.
... 38 1-4
ne.
London.
or Sellers, etc.—Value.
, per 492 lbs
... 37 3-4
ne.
London.
or Sellers, etc.—Value.

S.
per 416 lbs 85
hip .. 47 1-4
May.
Antwerp.
or Sellers, etc.—Sellers
ore 416 lbs
ex-ship ... 46
y.
ntwerp.
Sellers etc.—Sellers.
... 42 1-4
ay.
Antwerp.
or Sellers, etc.—Buyers.
lbs, ex-ship ... 66
June.
—Antwerp.
rs or Sellers, etc.—Done.

SUGAR.

gar C. and F.
... 17-6 3-4
ment, May-Aug—Sellers
dy.

MUTTON TALLOW AUCTION.

ian Beef Tallow ... 39-0
Mutton Tallow ... 40-0
of Tallow Auction ... Strong

ARRIVALS.

"Brawnfels".

statement comprises the shipments month of Mar. 1910 :—

	To Calcutta.	To Rangoon.
ods—	Yards	Yards.
White	11600000	2500000
and Grey ..	6250000	1500000
Colored	5100000	1100000
.....	6100000	1700000
Yarns—		lbs.
nd Bleached	290000	230000
eache l and Grey ...	290000	.....

	To Madras.	To Bombay.	To Karachi.
	Yards	Yards	Yards.
n Piece Goods—			
eached and White	1300000	19200000	12900000
nbleache and Grey	2300000	17800000	1700000
Dyed and Colored...	200000	7100000	2500000
Printed	1400000	17300000	9000000
wist and Yarns—			lbs.
Dyed and Bleached	310000	180000	40000
Unbleached and Grey	280000	300000	30000

Total shipment of Salt .....14900 Tons

BOMBAY, April 14.

EXCHANGE.

The market opened steady at 1s. 4 3-32d. for T. T., 1s. 4 1-8d. for demand and 1s. 4 11-32d. for 3 months' sight.

We quote :—

Bank's selling—	
T. T. Ready	... 1s. 4 3-32d.
D. D. Mail	... 1s. 4 1/8d.
T. T. Forward ...	... 1s. 4 1-32d. May
Bank's Buying—	
Private D. D. Ready ...	... 1s. 4 5/32d.
Credits 3 m/s ,, ...	... 1s. 4 5-16d.
,, ,, Forward ...	1s. 4 1-4d. 15 June
,, 6 m/s Ready ...	... 1s. 4 19/32d
France 3 m/s ,, ...	... 171 1/2
Marks 3 m/s ,, ...	... 139 1/2
60 d/s. Hongkong ...	... 130 3/4
,, Shanghai ...	... 175 3-4
,, Japan ...	... 149

The market is firm.

GOVERNMENT PAPER.

Government Paper market has ruled at and about 94·8 ready and 94·9 forward.

BULLION.

Bar Silver in London was 1-8 up both for ready and forward and New York was also 1-4 up.

Our market opened at Rs. 72. The London Market having a good demand from India advanced and there being more sellers futures closed at Rs. 71-13-0. The demand for ready was moderate and business of about 125-150 packages has been reported.

The local gold market remained quiet but steady having a little demand from upcountry and locally, and prices remained same. Sovereigns were in less demand and prices were easier.

We quote :— GOLD.	Rs.	a.	p.
97 touch Sakirsett...	23	8	0
97 touch	23	7	0
National Bank	24	2	0
Chartered Bank	23	15	9
Sovereigns Shield	15	3	6
Do Dragon	15	0	0
Australian	24	1	0
SILVER	Rs.	a.	p
17 1/2 Penny	71	12	0
17 Penny ready	71	11	0
Local per tola	0	11	0
First Settlement	71	13	0
Second ,, ...	72	0	0

SEEDS AND WHEAT.

Linseed.—London prices were 9d. up. Demand from exporters and dealers for ready and forward was little less on account of advanced prices and prices were put up by one anna.

Tone—Firm.

Rapeseed.—London prices for Yellow declined by 6d. to 1s. but Brown were put up by an anna. Moderate business is passing and prices remained unchanged.

Tone—Firm.

Castorseed, Poppyseed, Cottonseed, Gingellyseed, Groundnuts, and Mowrasseed.—Steady. Demand from exporters was moderate and prices are well maintained.

Wheat.—London was up by 3d. and very little business is passing. Prices are unchanged.

Tone.—Steady.

Tone.—Quiet.

Description.		Rate.
Linseed, Sold	...	...Rs. 11 2
Linseed, Small	...	... ,, 11 0
RAPESEED—		
Brown Cawnpore	...	...Rs. 6 13
Yellow do.	...	... ,, 7 8
Do. Gujarat	...	... ,, 7 10
Poppyseed	...	... ,, 10 2
Castorseed	...	... ,, 38 to 39
Mowrasseed...	...	... ,, 6 12
Maize ...	...	... ,, 32 to 33
Groundnuts	...	... ,, 40 to 43
Mustardseed	...	... ,, 85 to 93
Gingellyseed	...	... ,, 40 to 49
Khandesh Howri ...		}
Gulburga do. ...		
Kalbur do. ...		,, 47 to 48
Itarsi do. ...		
White Gin, Bold 95/5 ...		}
Do. do do 85/15		
Do. do. do, 75/25...		,, 43 to 47
Do. Mixed 50/50...		}
Do. Gin, Small 50/50...		
Do. do. 85/15...		,, 42 to 43
Gin, Black Beaver ...		}
Do. do. Gadag ...		,, 41 to 42
Gin Red Khandwa ...		}
Do. Meggi ...		
Do. Yellow Hinganghat		
Do. do. Secunderabad		,, 42 to 44
Do. do. Gujarat		
Do. Black Kutni		}
Do. Ahmedabad...		,, 49 to 53
WHEAT—		
Choice Pissi		... ,, 38 to 39
Hard Red... ...		... ,, 32 to 34
Cottonseed		... ,, 25 to 26

The following are the receipts of Wheat and Seeds into Bombay during the 24 hours ended at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, 13th April :—

Wheat	25,824 cwts
Linseed	22,670 ,,
Rapeseed	38,911 ,,
Gingellyseed	6,399 ,,
Poppyseed... ...	3,774 ,,
Groundnuts	3,128 ,,
Castorseed	5,921 ,,
Rice	65,183 ,,
Myrabollams	5,845 ,,
Cottonseed... ...	24,001 ,,
Mowrasseed... ...	..... ,,
Gram	430 ,,
Joowar	5,283 ,,
Maize	6 ,,

SHARES.

Manecki Petits have advanced to 2,890 for May settlement. They opened at 2,860. Davids are steady at 387 1-2.

BANKS.

Bombay	1,480
India	64 1-2
Indian Specie	52
Bank of Burma... ...	117

MILLS.

David	387 1-2
Kohinoor	670
Manecki Petit	2,890 May
New Great Eastern	167 1/2

PRESSES.

New Beras 540

MISCELLANEOUS.

Badham Pile & Co	138
Bombay E. S. and T. Co. Ord.	94
Bombay E. S. T. C. Pref. ...	160
Colaba Land & Mill	1,090 May
Treacher & Co	560
Tata I. & S. Co. Ld. Ord. ...	13 1-2 to 14
Do do Pref.	55

RAILWAYS.

Ahmedabad-Prantej	582 1/2
Tapti-Valley	452 1-2

COTTON.

Liverpool remained the same and 1 to 2 points up and New York also was unchanged but futures 1 and 1 more. Our market at Colaba remained quiet but steady. Demand from exporters and mills for ready was moderate; hence prices for ready remained unchanged, but there being more sellers for the New Crop futures were easier. Bood Brosch opened at Rs. 300, but sellers being full declined as the close to Rs. 298. Private advices from London reported "American Crop is more by 5 per cent. and weather favourable". Mills are buying freely for near delivery, hence prices for old ready lots are not likely to decline, but perhaps futures may go down, though it cannot be ascertained. Business for the New Crop is very moderate, whereas market for ready, owing to heavy arrivals, remains steady.

Sales.			Rs.
100	Jiwraj Mill	...Khandesh	...290
200	do	... do	...271
200	do	... do	...250
100	do	...Bengal	...250
200	Sorabji F	...Sawgin	...334-340
100	R D Master & Co...	...Balapur	...294
200	do	...Sawgin	...336-338
100	China Mill	...Mulkapur	...2-2
500	W Wolf and Sons...	Bengal	...238
200	Hindustan Mills ...	Parbani	...287-288
100	do	...Bengal	...242
100	Gold Mohur Mills...	Mathia	...275
100	do	... do	...280
300	Currimbhoy Mills...	do	...283
100	do	...Neemuch	...285
100	do	...Khandeish	...285
100	do	...Wardha	...300
300	E Spinner	...Khandeish	...290
100	Bombay Co	...Wardha	...300

We quote :—

Bengal Hand Gin. Fine	...	267
,, Good	...	255
Bengal Machine Gin. Fine	...	287
,, Good	...	274
Sind Punjab Fine	...	284
,, Good	...	269
Khandesh Fine	...	290
,, Good	...	282
Amraoti Fine	...	303
,, Good	...	295
Akola Knangaum Fine	...	304
,, Good	...	298
Dhamangaon Poolgaon Fine	...	307
,, Good	...	299
Yeotmal Fine	...	313
,, Good	...	305
Nagpore Fine	...	318
,, Good	...	310
Wardha Hinganghat Fine	...	321
,, Good	...	314
Methia Fine	...	293
,, Good	...	283
Broach Gin Fine	...	342
,, Good	...	336
Sawginned Fine	...	323 A.-M.
Coompta Ginned	...	330 ,,
Westerns ,,	...	318 ,,

The following are the receipts of Cotton into Bombay during the 24 hours ended at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, 13th April :—

Khandeish	1,204 Bales.
Central India	2,201 ,,
Barsiand Nagur	2,209 ,,
Berar	668 ,,
Central Provinces	970 ,,
Oomrae...	6,952 ,,
Dholera	1,355 ,,
Broach...	4,767 ,,
Coompta and Dharwar ...	3,539 ,,
Westerns	377 ,,
Bengals (N W. P.)	777 ,,
Bengals (Rajputana)	1,007 ,,
Sind	100 ,,
Persian	16 ,,
American	..... ,,
Total ...	18,720 Bales.

LIVERPOOL, April 14.

Opening Tone and Prices.

Opening Tone	Quiet.
Estimated Sales	8,000
Total Imports	15,000

Future Delivery Prices :—

Apl.—May.	7·65 same.
May—June	7·62—1
June—July	7·58 same.
July—Aug.	7·53 same.
Aug.—Sept.	7·23—1
Sept.—Oct.	6·84 same.
Oct.—Nov.	6·54—1
Nov.—Dec.	6·57 same.
Dec.—Jan.	6·55 same.

FREIGHT.

Market is quiet, and steady business is doing at current rates.

Ports.	April. Seed.	Cotton.
Antwerp — ...	15 6	... 16 0
Dunkirk	15 6	... 16 0
Havre	15 6	... 16 0
Hull	15 0	.....
Liverpool	16 0	... 16 6
Marseilles	16 0	... 16 6
Genoa	15 6	... 16 0
London	15 6	.....
Hamburg	16 0	... 16 6
Trieste	17 0	... 18 0
Venice... ...	17 0	... 18 0
Open Ports May and June		... 15 0

METALS.

We quote :—

Copper Braziers 4×4	lbs. 21	...Rs.55 0
	28	,, 55 12
	35	
	42	
	56	
	63	...Rs.55 0
	70	
	77	
	84	
Yellow Metal Sheets	21	
	28	...Rs.45 0
	35	
	42	
	49	,, 45 12
	56	,, 45 12
Tin Ingots.		... 40 9
Spelter S M ...		
M M ...		,, 18 10
J ...		
G ...		
Georgahutte ...		... 22 4
Copper Ingots. K S ...		... ,, 49 4
Copper Sheetings ...lbs. 8, 10, 12, 14		,, 61 8
Yellow Metal Sheetings lbs. 14, 16		,,47 0
10, 12		

IMPORTS OF TREASURE.

Wednesday, April 13.

GOLD.

No. of Packages.	Bullions, Rs.	Sovs. and half Sovs. Rs.	Coin. Other coin. Rs.
3 Bundles ...	...	2,647	245
1 Case ...	...	15,000	...

SILVER.

No. of Packages.	Bullions, Rs.	Govt. of India Rs.	Coin. Other coin. Rs.
3 Bundles ...	...	6,608	...
2 do ...	...	1,136	...
1 Bundle ...	...	350	...
1 do ...	...	700	...
1 do ...	...	300	...

Importers. Vessel. From

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EXPORTS OF BAR SILVER FROM BOMBAY BY RAIL on 12th April, 1910.

By	Bars.	Ounces.
G. I. P. Railway	51	53,599
B. B. & C. I. Railway.	49	56,715

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

The annual report of the directors of the Yokohama Specie Bank, Limited, states :—The Directors submit to you the annexed statement of the liabilities and assets of the bank, and of the profit and loss account for the half-year ended 31st December, 1909. The gross profits of the Bank for the past half-year, including yen 1,155,841—28 brought forward from last account, amount to yen 11,331,669—00, of which yen 8,374,261—36 have been deducted for interests, taxes, current expenses, rebate on bills current, bad and doubtful debts, bonus for officers and clerks, &c., leaving a balance of yen 2,957,407—64 for appropriation. The Directors now propose that yen 350,000—00 be added to the reserve fund, and recommend a dividend at the rate of Twelve per cent., per annum, which will absorb yen 1,440,000—00. The balance, yen 1,167,407—64 will be carried forward to the credit of next account.

DEPARTURES.

Per s.s. "R. Rubattino", Apr. 15.

Passengers per Italian Mail s.s. "R. Rubattino," Capt. L. Mancini, sails to-day. Cabin passengers are requested to be present at Victoria Dock, No. 5 Shede at 12-15 p.m. (Standard Time) sharp, to-day, for the medical inspection by the Health Officer of the Port. Deck passengers will have to be present at Prince's Dock New Jisinfecting Station at 11 a.m. (Standard Time) to-day, with their luggage and kit :—

Alderson, Mr and Mrs H S	Horn, Mrs W R
Anderson, Mr and Mrs, nurse and child	Hext, Mrs H E
Alkin on, Mr F J	Hunter, Mr
Allum, Mrs A	Javeri, Mr D M and 3 sons
Ansell, Mrs	Javeri, Miss
Bramley, Mr B	Kerr, Mr E
Barret, Mr C (Consul for France)	Knowles, Mr C J
Bourne, Lieut-Col and Mrs C A	Klug, Mrs
Bell, Mrs J	Kennedy, Mr and Mrs A B
Brown, Mrs	Klug, Mr E A
Buncher, Mr F	La Barbera, M G
Carabelli, Mr G	Lane, Mr E
Confectioner, Mr K R	Lynn Smart, Lieut R de B
Chitamber, Rev	Laurent, Mr G
Cornaglia, Mr and Mrs F and 2 children	Langston, Major O
Coppel, Most Rev	Lake, Mrs H H and Miss
Clementi Smith, Mr	Langmore, Rev A F
Cleland, Miss A S	Medina, Mr G
Cross, Rev and Mrs H B and infant	McLean, Miss M
Chapini, Dr C	McGavran, Dr Miss
Coldien, Rev and Mrs M J and child	McGavran, Master
Coombs, Mr M H	McGavran, Rev and Mrs J G and child
Capt Sir E A and Lady Elphinstone Dalrymple	McGavran, Master
Dini, Capt F	McCrie, Miss G
Ferrario, Mr A	Olcese, Mr G
Filose, Miss A	Olcese, Mr G A
Flanagan, Mr and Mrs E and 3 children	Olivieri, Mr Ing F
Firpo, Mr A	O'Donnell, Mr C
Fitzgerald, Lieut	Payne, Rev R
Forster, Capt D	Payne, Mr J H
Greenstidel, Mrs	Pennycuick, Mr
Gilbakian, Miss A	Ruck, Mr
Gagarin, Mr A	Rose, Miss
Gloria, Mr A	Ravel, Mrs R
Gow, Mr W G	Ross, Mr A
Gedinho de Mira, Mr L T	Roberts, Rev and Mrs P V and 2 children
Guiterman, Mrs E	Sells, Mr A C
Gadihuk, Mr H	Silva, Capt F A da
Ghose, Dr Miss L	Strachey, Mr and Mrs
Hallward, Mr N	Syallies, Rev and Mrs J and 2 children.
Horswell, Mr E	Steele, Mr and Mrs J F
Hardcastle, Capt and Mrs F E	Thompson. Mr
	Vere Hunt, Major and Mrs
	Watt, Miss P F
	Young, Lieut R

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

The Charge for Announcement of Births, Marriages, Deaths and Memoriam Notices, which must be authenticated by the name and address of the sender is Rs. 2 for six lines or less, and 8 as. for every additional line. Cash strictly in Advance.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

CAMERON—March 29, at Jhelum, the wife of Captain A Cameron, I M S, of a daughter.
MORSHEAD—April 8, at Calcutta, the wife of L F Morshead, of a son.

DEATHS.

D'MONTE—March 30, in Kemendine, Cecil Edward D'Monte, aged 45 years.
KIDD—April 4, at Dehra Dun, Surgeon W A Kidd of cerebral embolism, aged 49 years.

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Ball in the Illuminated Garden, Parel Institute, 9-30 a.m.

The P. and O. Co's. s.s. "Mantua" with the English mails due to arrive at 5 a. m.

Aga Khan Hockey Tournament : Poona Gymkhana vs. Cheshire Regiment, Rising Star vs. 1st Northampton Regiment.

Excelsior Cinematograph, Bori Bunder, 7, 8-30, and 10 p.m.

Novelty Theatre : The Merrymakers and Novelty Cinematograph, 7 to 8-30 and 10 to 11-30 p.m.

Maxim : Errors of predecessors are landmarks to posterity.

St. John Ambulance Association.—To-morrow evening His Excellency the Governor, who is much interested in First Aid work in the Presidency, will attend a demonstration by local students in the compound of the Elphinstone High School. His Excellency will distribute challenge shields and medals.

"A Grown-up Man."—The Rev. C. B. Hill delivered an interesting lecture at the Y. M. C. A. Hall, Wodehouse Road, yesterday evening. The Hall was well filled. The Reverend lecturer spoke in his impressive style on the duties of men, and those present carried away with them the words of sound advice and instruction.

Postal Notices.—Mails for Seychelles, Lamu, Mombasa, Dar-es-Salaam, Zanzibar, and Tanga, per extra s.s. "Mackgraf" will be closed at the General Post Office at 1 p. m. to-morrow the 16th, instead of the 14th instant as previously notified. Supplemental Mails for Natal, Cape Colony, Lorenzo Marquez and other places in South Africa per extra s.s. "Umfali" via Tuticorin and Colombo will be closed at the General Post Office at 7-30 p.m., the same day.

Bhavnagar Notes.—Our correspondent wires yesterday:—A fire occurred in Ganchi Sheri involving the loss of about Rs. 5,000. The Silver Jubilee of the Shamaldas College was celebrated when the elite of Bhavnagar was present. There was also a social gathering and recitations were gone through. With the distribution of bouquets and pansopari closed the function.—There is a brisk export of wheat, methi and castorseeds from Kathiawar as other firms draw upon these commodities.

Music at the Yacht Club.—By kind permission of Lieut-Colonel W.R.P. Wallace and Officers of the 1st Battalion, Gloucestershire Regiment, the Band of the Battalion will play the following programme of music under the direction of Bandmaster A. F. Hawkes at the R. B. Y. Club at 6 p.m. to-day :—

March	Cleopatra ..... Marcinelli
Overture	Fingal's Cave ..... Mendelssohn
Characteristique..	Humoresque ..... Dvorak
Selection	Madame Butterfly .. Paccini
Cornet Solo	Softly wakes my heart, from Samson & Delilah. St. Saens
Suite	Peer Gynt .. .. Greig
Valse	Des Fleurs..... Tschaikowsky

Theft of Ornaments.—Jamnadas Talsekchand, a dealer in gold and silver, residing on the second floor of a house at Bhuleshwar, reports the theft of a small tin box containing ornaments of the value of Rs. 1,267 from a safe in his room. Besides these the safe contained ornaments of the value of Rs. 10,000 but these were not touched.—On Wednesday afternoon, a Marwari woman named Ratibai, aged about twenty-three residing with her husband Gulabchand Jogoo near the Tank, left the shop with her infant daughter, named Rajbai aged about three years, deliberately threw her in the Tank and then jumped in herself. Some persons who witnessed this raised an alarm when a Pathan Matchman named Noordad Sherdad pluckily jumped on. He first succeeded in getting hold of the infant and had her hauled one in a basket. He then got hold of the woman Ratibai and with the assistance of a Mahomedan carpenter named Ahmed Goolam Hoosein, who had also gone into the Tank, brought her out. Enquiries showed that the woman had lost her aunt, a cousin and several members of her family lately from plague at Parel and their death had put her husband to a loss of Rs. 1,000, which he had lent them and he had been grumbling at the loss he had sustained through her relations. This added to her grief, drove her to desperation and she decied to put an end to herself and her only daughter the woman and the girl were removed to the G. T. Hospital for treatment.

BANDMANN COMEDY COMPANY.

We may again remind our readers of the forthcoming visit to the Empire Theatre of the Bandmann Comedy Company who will open on Saturday next with a performance of the new comedy, "Mr. Preedy and the Countess," at which H. E. the Governor will be present. There is a change in the programme for next Wednesday when "David Garrick," a piece which was played here 18 years' ago by Mrs. Brown Potter and Mr. Carl Ballew, will be presented.

EXCELSIOR CINEMATOGRAPH.

We would strongly recommend the amusement loving public of Bombay not to miss seeing the fine programme which will be shown for the last time to-day. "Charlotte Corday," "The Cursed Hand," "Storm on the Blue Coast" of Italy and the film in which "Foolshead" appears, have all proved greatly popular, and have been drawing crowded houses. An entirely new programme will be shown to-morrow and the next week, and there will be a grand prize-show on Sunday, when three handsome prizes will be given away.

BOMBAY AMATEUR THEATRICALS.

Wednesday night's success of "Lady Huntworth's Experiment" was repeated last night at the Empire Theatre, and was witnessed by a large and distinguished audience, including H. E. Sir George Clarke, Governor of Bombay. The amateurs were loudly cheered on their excellent performance. The play was given in aid of the St. Peter's Church (Mazagon) Building Fund.

PROPOSED STREET SHELTERS

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE".

Sir,—I beg to appeal to the good sense of the Tramway authorities in Bombay, whether it will not be advisable in the interest of the public at large to provide at the principal stations, such as, the Secretariat, Floral Foundation, Bori Bunder, Pydhowni, etc., a few benches with a sort of protective shed, made either of tiles or of tin, so that thousands of Tram passengers, anxiously waiting for trams, sometimes for upwards of half-an-hour, may at least find a resting place after the hard toil of the day, instead of rambling about here and there on the roads and being exposed to possible accidents. It is submitted that in the acquisition of small sites for the purpose of providing such sheds, concession may be granted by the authorities concerned, as this is a question of public interest. I am sure, the Tramway Company will move in the matter at an early date, so that the sheds in question may be a boon to the people at large as much in the rainy season as in the hot weather.—Yours, &c.,

Bombay, 14th April. A. D. DAGAL.

HIGH COURT.

CLAIM AGAINST BOMBAY BANK.

Appeal to Privy Council.

On the Appellate Side of the Bombay High Court, the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Macleod heard the appliestion for leave to appeal to his Majesty in Council made by the Bank of Bombay in the suit brought against them by Nandlal Thakerseydas in respect of 397 bales of cotton.

The Hon'ble the Advocate-General, instructed by Messrs. Crawford, Brown and Co., appeared for the Bank; Mr. G. R. Lowndes, instructed by Messrs. Wadia, Ghandy and Co., was for the original plaintiff.

The original suit was heard by Mr. Justice Beaman, who dismissed the plaintiff's claim ; in appeal, the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Batchelor reversed the decree of the lower Court, and decreed the whole of the plaintiff's claim amounting to over Rs. 33,000 with all costs.

The present application was not opposed and their Lordships granted the necessary certificate.

CHARGE AGAINST A PLEADER.

On the Appellate Side of the Bombay High Court, the Hon'ble Justice Sir Narayan Chandavarkar and the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Heaton disposed of a rule obtained by Venkatesh Sadashiv Nargunkar, a pleader, practising in the Belgaum Courts, to have the committal order passed against him by Mr. G.H. Cowan, First Class Magistrate of Belgaum, set aside.

The accused, it will be remembered, was tried before the Magistrate on charges of forgery and using forged documents. The Magistrate committed the accused to take his trial at the Sessions Court of Belgaum on charges under Sections 193, 196, 467 and 109 of the Indian Penal Code.

Against this order the accused had obtained a rule to have the subsequent proceedings set aside and the trial to be ordered to be committed to a Court of Sessions presided over by a judge other than Mr. Clements.

Mr. D. A. Khare and Mr. C. A. Rele appeared for the accused. Mr. R. W. Desai appeared for the Crown in the absence of Mr. G. S. Rao, the Government pleader.

After hearing the arguments, their Lordships discharged the rule.

PARSI PANCHAYET SCHEME.

On the Original Side of the Bombay High Court, yesterday, the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Davar resumed the hearing of the scheme framed by Mr. Limji N. Banaji, Special Commissioner, appointed in the suit filed by Sir Dinshaw M. Petit and others against Sir Jamshedji Jeejeebhoy and others in respect of the management of the Trust funds.

Mr. G. R. Lowndes and Mr. F. S. Talyarkhan, instructed by Messrs. Ardeshir, Hormusji, Dinshaw and Company, appeared for the plaintiffs; Mr. D. D. Inverarity, instructed by Messrs. Cragie, Blunt and Carol, was for the defendants. The Advocate-General appeared in person as representing public trusts and charities.

Mr. Lowndes said his clients had filed four exceptions and he would deal with each of them separately. They wanted to have the words "persons professing the Zoroastrian faith" substituted for the word "Parsis." His clients also suggested that the period of the term of a trustee's office should be seven years instead of ten as provided by the scheme. The number of the trustees, he said, ought to be seven.

After hearing the arguments on the exceptions, his Lordship proceeded to consider the scheme and said he could not understand why bodies like the Corporation, Fellows of the Senate and Justices should be given a right to elect trustees.

The Advocate-General suggested that those bodies should be given a right to elect five of the Committee, and the rest to be divided between registers "A" and "C."

His Lordship preferred to give the right to register "D" which was composed of the general body of the community.

After hearing further arguments, his Lordship reserved his judgment.

BROTHERS AT VARIANCE.

Trust Properties in Dispute.

On the Original Side of the Bombay High Court, the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Macleod delivered judgment in the suit filed by D. G. Perrira against his brother P. P. Perrira and another to have his rights ascertained under a trust deed and asking for accounts.

His Lordship passed a decree referring the matter to the Commissioner to take accounts of the trust estate from 1884 with liberty to the plaintiff to sue, charge and falsify the accounts as regards the distribution of the net income, the investment of the Reserve Fund and the item of unpaid income tax.

The first defendant was removed from his position as trustee and his Lordship thought it undesirable to appoint the second defendant in his place. His Lordship said he would appoint a receiver on Friday (to-day) to take charge of the trust estate and manage it according to the trust deed.

The plaintiff was awarded all his costs which were to come out of the Reserve Fund. The first defendant was allowed one-third of his costs to be taxed between party and party. The second defendant was ordered to bear his own costs.

SANCTION TO PROSECUTE.

On the Original Side of the Bombay High Court, yesterday, Mr. R. D. N. Wadia, instructed by Messrs. Mulla and Mulla, appeared before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Dinshaw D. Davar and applied for sanction to prosecute one Mirza Mahomed Kashani on charges of perjury and forgery and using as genuine forged documents in a suit before his Lordship which was decided against Kashani in March last.

Mr. Wadia read the affidavit of the plaintiff Khusro Mobed Jamshed in which several parts of the evidence of Kashani, where he was alleged to have perjured himself and also the manner in which Kashani had fabricated his books.

His Lordship granted a rule nisi as prayed.

POLICE NEWS.

COLLISION IN PRINCE'S DOCK.

Marine Court's Finding.

Yesterday, at the Esplanade Police Court, Mr. A. H. S. Aston, Chief Presidency Magistrate, delivered judgment of the Marine Court, which was held to inquire into the circumstances under which the B.I. S.N. Company's steamer "Vadala" collided with the jetty end of the Prince's Dock while leaving the Dock on the morning of the 1st April, and then striking the s.s. "Budrie," also lying in the same Dock. His Worship said that in the opinion of the Court the collision was due to the wrongful default of the Third Engineer, who had admitted in his evidence that instead of going astern he had gone ahead. The Court was further of opinion that neither the Chief Engineer nor the Second Engineer were to blame. The Court recommended that the Third Engineer's certificate be suspended for a period of two months and that he be granted a second class certificate.

The total number of deaths registered in Bombay during the week ending April 12th was 890, giving a death-rate of 47·32 per annum per thousand as against 57·91 the corresponding period of last year, and 75·16 the average over the past five years. Of the total number 52 died from fevers; 224, plague; 85, small-pox ; 3, measles ; 1, cholera ; 45, phthisis ; 41, diseases of the nervous system ; 147, affections of the respiratory organs ; 36, diarrhœa ; 16, dysentery ; 29, still-born ; 98, old age and debility ; 11, accidents and violence. The classified list of deaths shows:—Jain, 29 ; Brahmin, 30 ;

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[illegible] or Calcutta.
[illegible] or Hamburg, etc.

MADRAS.

ARRIVALS.

Vessel.	From
[illegible] rgam Abbey	Calcutta
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[illegible] Camberwell	London
Worsley Hall	Coast
Fultala	Negapatam

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

[illegible] rman East Africa Line steamer Kanzler, [illegible] Mombassa from Bombay on the 13th instant [illegible].

Austrian Lloyd's steamer Gastein, from Trieste, [illegible] on the 13th instant, and is due here on the [illegible] instant.

The Anchor Line steamer Olympia, Homeward [illegible], arrived at Marseilles on the 13th instant.

The P and O Company's steamer Arabia with the [illegible] homeward-mails of the 9th instant arrived at Aden, at [illegible]30 p m on Wednesday the 13th idem.

The P and O Company's steamer Caledonia with the [illegible] outward mails of the 8th instant passed Suez at 3 a. m. [illegible] on Thursday the 14th idem.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LT.-COL. E. W. L. DUNLOP, V. D.

Bombay, 15th April.

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Scindia s—300 bales cotton, Volkert Bros; 100 bales cotton, The Bombay and Co Ld.

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Melville s—6,000 cwts cottonseed, W Becher.

Hindoo s—3,240 cwts cottonseed, Ralli Bros.

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Clan Macpherson s—2,000 cwts poppyseed and 1,000 cwt linseed, L Drefuss and Co; 1,001 cwts rapeseed, Sizing Material and Co; 1,302 cwts mustardseed, A Blaschek and Co; 7,634 cwts rapeseed and 115 bales cotton, Ralli Bros; 110 bales cotton, Ralli Bros.

Dartmouth s—999 cwts linseed, M Rajaram; 4,017 cwts rapeseed, Ralli Bros.

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Culna s—2,051 bales cotton, Ralli Bros.

King Howel s—2,250 cwts myrabolams, W Bechar; 1,000 cwts myrabolams, T Canji.

FOR HAMBURG.

Uhenfels s—2,400 bales cotton, Ralli Bros; 330 bales cotton, P. Vishram and Co; 135 bales hemp, P Bhimji; 400 cwts olibsnum, M Jafferbhoy; 220 bales cotton, Gaddum and Co; 337 cwts olibanum, P Jaithabhoy; 525 cwts weedseed, Barr and Krause; 1,000 cwts myrabolams T Canji.

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Silverdale s—100 bales cotton, Ewart Latham and Co; 100 bales cotton, Gaddum and Co; 205 bales cotton, Ralli Bros.

FOR BREMEN.

Uhenfels s—225 bales cotton, Ralli Bros; 250 bales cotton, Glade and Co; 8,000 cwts gingellyseed, L Drefuss and Co; 110 bales cotton, Glade and Co.

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THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours, ending at 6 a. m. yesterday, give the following results :—

Wards.	Plague. Attacks.	Plague. Deaths.	Total deaths from all causes.
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade	1	1	10
B Mandvi, Cumbla, Comerkhadi and Dungri	8	7	20
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswady, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao, and Kumbharwada	6	4	12
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpati, Walkeshwar, and Mahalaxmi	3	3	7
E Mazagon, Tarwadi, 2nd Nagpada, Kamathipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	6	6	36
F Parel, Sewree and Sion	2	3	11
G Malabar and Worli	7	6	11
Worse Division	0	0	0
Mahim	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	1	12
Total	33	31	119
This day last year	64	54	152

THE RAT CAMPAIGN.
April 14th 1910.

Ward.	Alive.	Dead	Found Infected.
A	77	62	7
B	127	77	12
C	100	164	27
D	78	68	8
E	74	27	3
F	166	23	6
G	100	22	13
	76	16	2
	25	2	0
Total	823	520	78
Total killed to date rats	...	...	1,343

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Friday, 15th April, 1910.

MANDVI WARD ELECTION PETITION.

CONSIDERING how little active interest is generally taken in local self-government, even by those chosen as representatives of the public, it is remarkable there could be found men willing to find the enormous sum of money involved in the petition which Mr. Kemp, the Chief Judge of the Small Causes Court, disposed of on Wednesday. The costs in the case are probably a record for a Small Causes Court trial, something fabulous, for the parties interested spared no expense, either in prosecuting the petition or in defending the positions from which it was sought to oust them. Mandvi Ward Election was fought in January last, fifteen candidates offering themselves for eight vacancies. Mr. Hajibhai Abdulla Lalji sought to set the whole election aside on the plea of personation—general personation to the knowledge of the candidates or their agents and coercion and undue influence. He was successful in two instances, but only as regards personation; coercion and undue influence remaining unproved. Of a hundred and six papers declared to be bad, forty-two were pronounced by the Court to be cases of fraudulent personation and sixty-four others what the learned Chief Judge termed "innocent personation," under which heading were included minor votes, votes under powers of attorney from either firms or individual voters on the roll which, from some cause or other, are inoperative—all cases where a vote was given on behalf of a voter on the roll by his son, brother, or other relation. The Chief Judge declined to consider these fraudulent, for, as he observed, anybody, acquainted with the habits and customs of this city, knows that as a rule it signifies little to a man whether he goes himself to the poll or sends another man to vote for him. In the interests of the purity of elections the practice is wrong and opens the way to fraudulent personation. Under the Act voting by proxy is not allowed, except in certain specified cases, but even that is objectionable and the permissive clause should be removed.

Mr. Kemp's judgment, besides being an exhaustive one, was suggestive and we are glad to find he expressed an opinion as to the necessity for amending the present system of election. He was unwilling to accept the sanctity of the Ward Roll and threw out a hint, for the benefit of those responsible, as to the desirability of its revision. As regards the votes of firms it was pointed out that in 1901, the then Chief Judge suggested that some simple rules might be framed for circulation amongst the electorate, so as to educate it to a conception of the formalities attendant on the registration of a vote. But it appears that the Municipal Commissioner did not see his way to accept the suggestion, and the present Chief Judge, agreeing with his predecessor, observes that unless something of the kind is done, and some measures also taken at the polls to secure the identification of those voting, this unfortunate ward will be dragged into Court at every election. To him, as to us and to the general public, it is a question whether the time has not arrived when a revising barrister should be employed to revise the voters' list. He quoted several prominent instances of plurality of voting which are to say the least remarkable. The one fact which stands out most clearly in the case is that the system of election provided under the Act stands in need of revision. It is primitive to a degree, whether as regards ward elections or those by the Justices. If we are to have a satisfactory system we must have carefully revised voting lists and the ballot, and were personation, coercion and undue influence made penal offences it is conceivable that the irregularities complained of, and revealed in the course of this action, would soon disappear. Nothing could be more unsatisfactory than the state of affairs shown to exist. The need for amendment is pressing and the decision will, we hope, lead Government to take the necessary steps.

LORD MINTO AT PEIWAR KOTAL. THE visit of the Viceroy on Monday to the Peiwar Kotal recalls echoes of the second Afghan War of a generation ago. Lord Minto has a personal interest in that war, as he himself served in it in his early days as Viscount Melgund and wears a medal won in it. He was attached to the very Kurram Field Force at whose head Lord Roberts obtained his first success in the Afghan War, that of Peiwar Kotal. The Kurram Valley forms, since 1893, when it passed into our hands, our most advanced position on the Afghan Frontier. Kabul is only some sixty or seventy miles from Parachinar, its headquarters, from which Lord Minto reaches Peiwar. No other Viceroy had gone so close to Kabul as Lord Minto. Landi Kotal in the Khyber Pass was the limit of former Viceroys, but Peiwar Kotal is full fifty miles nearer Kabul. Kotal means, in the language of the country, a pass, and the Peiwar is a pass leading into Afghanistan over the range of mountains called the Safed Koh, 14,000 feet high, which bound the Kurram Valley. The Peiwar Pass crossed these high mountains and was a strategical point which must be negotiated by us before entering Afghanistan and reaching Kabul from Kurram. The Afghans knowing its great importance had occupied it in great force, and so formidable was it that Lord Roberts confesses in his account to a feeling very nearly akin to despair when he gazed on the apparently impregnable position towering above, occupied by crowds of soldiers and a large number of guns. It was impossible to take by a frontal attack, and Lord Roberts here for the first time successfully practised those flanking or turning movements which served him in such good stead in that war and afterwards in the greater war in South Africa. There was another Pass on the enemy's left called the Spingawi Kotal whence the Afghans could be outflanked and their left turned. This also was occupied by some of them, and our force marched upon Spingawi. Proved an excellent feint, as the enemy rushed to its assistance from Peiwar which was thus weakened. Our men had not much difficulty in winning this post of Spingawi; but they did not stop there and marched from the rear, to the enemy's surprise, towards their real object, the Peiwar Kotal, and took it after some resistance. After the capture Lord Roberts examined it carefully. "It was of immense natural strength, the dispositions made for its defence were most complete and judicious and the impossibility of taking it by other than a turning movement was proved beyond a doubt. From right to left the position ran along a lofty and rugged range of mountains clothed with dense pine forests. The approach to it from the Kurram Valley was up a steep narrow zigzag path commanded throughout its entire length from the adjacent heights and difficult to ascend on account of the extreme roughness of the road, which was covered with large fragments of rocks and boulders. Every point of the ascent was exposed to fire from both guns and rifles, securely placed behind breast-works constructed of pine-logs and stones." This splendid victory was achieved, with very little loss of life and limb on our side, there being only ten officers and 18 men killed and three officers and 75 men wounded. The Afghans suffered much more severely besides leaving all their guns and ammunition in our possession. Lord Roberts, who was till then an untried, almost an unknown man, made his mark first by this achievement of the Peiwar Kotal which is thus memorable as the first of a series of brilliant victories which ended at Paardeburg twenty-two years later. Well may the Viceroy fight over again before his staff the battle of thirty-two years ago in which he took part. The Kurram Valley, whose Turi tribesmen were friendly to us in the Afghan War, and in vain appealed to us to occupy their territory, was abandoned by us at the end of the war; and it was only in 1893 that we took possession of it at the urgent request of the Turis themselves, who, we see, are so far touched by the advancing wave of British civilization as to clamour for a high school, teaching up to the Matriculation standard, in their once lawless valley.

MR. CANNON. To Britishers, the remarkable situation which has arisen in the American House of Representatives seems incomprehensible. First of all we are not accustomed to, we can hardly appreciate, the attitude of a speaker who declares that "he will hurt some one" if order is not restored. Nor do we appreciate an assembly where such speakership is necessary or even countenanced. It is obvious that American ideas of a speaker differ violently from our own, superficially and fundamentally. One of the many commentators on the American system has put it that "the American Speaker is almost everything that the English speaker is not, and almost nothing that he is." It seems curious to us, but the last thing which is expected of him is the first thing that is expected of the Speaker of the House of Commons—namely that he should be striatly neutral between all parties, and that his advice and assistance should be open to all members of the House without distinction. Such a notion of the speaker's functions has never obtained in the American House, and how this is so is easily understood with a little knowledge of its constitution and procedure. First of all, there is no such thing in the House as a Cabinet Minister or any recognised representative of the Executive who can formulate a programme or submit measures. All members are of equal authority and responsibility, and so it falls to the Speaker to perform these duties. Secondly, in such a House, where there are no representatives of departments it is obvious that the House could only do any efficient service by dividing itself into committees, and again the speaker appoints the committees. Of these there are fifty-five, and to one of these each bill is submitted, there to be adopted, amended or thrown out. Until it has been favourably reported to the House it has no chance of being adopted. With these duties to perform it necessarily follows that the speaker cannot be impartial. It is his duty to the State, and to the party which put him in office to see that the party in power has a clear working majority on every committee and is able to give effect to the policy, which the votes of the electors have approved. He is not bound to allow his political opponents any representation whatever on the committee he appoints, but in practice he usually does so. It can be easily imagined how such an office in the hands of a man of iron will, one who could resolutely hold every inch of his position as he gradually established it, might become a despotic rulership of his party and the whole house. This ithad become underMr.Cannon, until finally even the American politician could stand no more. A party coalition which at one time threatened to depose the despot, has at any rate effectually curbed his powers. One of his most potent weapons was his chairmanship, with power to nominate the members, of the Committee of Rules. Now the committee will be elected by the House and the speaker will be ineligible for membership. This means very much. It is for this Committee to decide which of the many waiting bills shall receive attention, to settle the length of the debates, admit or reject amendments, to block some bills and forward others; in fact to govern the deliberations of the House under a far more vigorous and a minute control over its procedure than any British ministry has yet ventured to assert. Mr. Cannon is no longer the ruler of his party. He is still the leader, but he has to give attention now to the advice of the principals of the party. And if at any time he proves recalcitrant and seeks again his old position, it is always possible for the coalition which has now caused his downfall, to reunite for purely legislative purposes.

MR. CARNEGIE AND WEALTH. WE may all have our views about Mr. Carnegie's libraries. Some of us think it is nice for servant girls to have plenty of novels to read, some of us would rather see them cleaning pots and scrubbing floors. But we shall all of us—nearly all of us—agree with Mr. Carnegie's views on wealth. It is only those who are millionaires like Mr. Carnegie who are likely to jib. It is so refreshing this hot weather to find a millionaire like Mr. Carnegie, who has sensible views on wealth, views which ordinary people like ourselves can approve. For instance Mr. Carnegie has the soundest of ideas about the income-tax. He thinks it is objectionable. So do we. He thinks it should be abolished. And as having paid so much income-tax he must be regarded as a bit of an expert, we think the British and Indian Governments should unhesitatingly accept his opinion. His idea instead is that every person who is worth over a million dollars, or two hundred thousand pounds, should forfeit half his fortune to the State. Why not? Many of us have less than a million dollars, and we think it is only just and fair. Then again Mr. Carnegie thinks it should become possible for every employee to become a partner in the business with which he is concerned. But steady, a moment—this is getting nearer home.

HIS Excellency the Governor of Bombay is pleased to direct that the Paris Sanitary Convention Regulations should be imposed at Aden against vessels arriving from Jeddah, which is plague infected.

MR. K. L. DATTA has arrived at Simla and has begun his enquiry into the rise of prices in India. It has been decided that he will have a couple of assistants, and it is not improbable that Professor Findlay Shirras of the Dacca College will be associated with him.

THE following wireless message has been received from the Commander of the P. and O. s.s. "Mantua."—"Expect to arrive in Bombay at 5-30 Friday morning, all well."

MR. CHARLES MCMINN, late of the I. C. S., the author of a translation of "Granth Sahib" and of "The History of the Shikhs" has left Allahabad for Bhim Tal, where he will work at his forthcoming book on India.

VIENNA newspapers publish alarming accounts of the condition of Count Tolstoy. The famous writer is said to be suffering from phlebitis or inflammation of the coats of the veins.

MR. MCKENZIE, Victorian Minister for Lands, and Mr. Elwood Mead, chairman, of the Water Commission, will sail from Melbourne on the "Orvieto" on May 18, in connection with the Victorian Cabinet's immigration scheme.

IT is officially notified that the next examination for the Bombay Presidency of Civil Servants, Cantonment Magistrates, Forest Officers and others will commence at the Council Hall, Poona, on Wednesday, the 8th of June, at 11 a.m.

IT is officially notified that the annual examination for the Subordinate Accountants Establishment of the Public Works Department, Bombay Presidency, will be held this year on Monday, July 18, at the following centres :—Karachi, Ahmedabad, Belgaum, Poona and Bombay.

DURING the week ended the 12th instant 94 chests of opium were removed from the warehouse at Bombay. Of these 86 were shipped per s s. "Delhi" to China, and the farmers at Jetpur; Dagsara and Poona purchased two one and five respectively; forty-six and a half chests were imported from Indore and twenty-four from Ajmere.

THE Government of India have decided to make an enquiry into the growth of civil pensionary charges in India, and a strong Departmental Committee will be appointed for the purpose. The personnel has not yet been settled. Meanwhile Mr. B. N. Mitra of the Enrolled List will be placed on special duty to prepare actuarial calculations and the basis of the enquiry.

WOMEN'S INTERESTS

(FROM OUR LADY CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, MARCH 25.

IN HONOUR OF QUEEN ALEXANDRA.

ENTIRELY in honour of Queen Alexandra, Lord Revelstoke was entertaining on Monday night. Her Majesty for whom a small circle of her most intimate friends were invited to Carlton Terrace that night, first dining with Lord Revelstoke. After dinner, for the special amusement of the Queen, a delightful little French play was enacted, in one of the stateliest of the reception-rooms of Lord Revelstoke's fine house. The latter, as most people may be aware, is one of the most intimate friends of Their Majesties, and amongst those bidden to have the honour of meeting the Queen, were several members of the Royal *entourage* as well as of the Queen's Household. The "*jeune fille*" on this occasion were not in evidence; in fact invitations were limited to married couples and a few well known bachelors in the Royal Set. Of those invited to meet the Queen on Monday night were Lord and Lady Kenmare who, with Lord Althorpe, Lord Howe, and Lord and Lady Ripon, were of Lord Revelstoke's dinner guests. There were present to witness after dinner the little "*Comedie Francaise*," Hon. Arthur and Mrs. Crichton, Lord and Lady Carrington, Lord and Lady Knollys, Hon. Derek and Mrs. Keppel, and Lady Hillingdon. The function was in every way an enjoyable one.

IRISH INDUSTRIES.

One of the principal annual events of St. Patrick's Day in London is the Irish Industries Exhibition and Sale. This year it was held in Grosvenor house by the kind permission of the Duke and Duchess of Westminster. The Princess of Wales, who looked very handsome in green velvet, with deep cream lace, a green toque in her favourite shape, and green emeralds, was received by the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry (the latter also in green velvet, with a large picture-hat), Lord Arthur Hill and Mr. J. S. Wood. The Princess made a pilgrimage round the rooms, stopping at each of the stalls on her way. Several times she expressed her admiration at the beauty of the work, and she made many purchases. The Princess conducted her shopping in quite a business-like way. An interesting little ceremony took place at the Association Stalls, where Lady Londonderry presented Her Royal Highness with some beautiful embroidered linen sheets and pillow-slips made on the Mount Stewart estates. A centre of attraction was the lace stall, where Lady Doreen Long, Mrs. Chichester and Mrs. Craig assisted Lady Londonderry to dispose of many charming pieces of work. Close by the Countess of Beetive, in black, with a bevy of fair assistants, offered for sale some lovely linens. Lady Downshire, in pale blue cloth with a large black hat, seemed to be doing a brisk trade at the embroideries stall. There was a great "run" on tweeds, and Lady Arthur Hill and her colleagues at the tweed stall were kept extremely busy disposing of these delightful fabrics. The knitting and carving stall tempted many to linger in its vicinity, Lady Kenmare being in attendance, as likewise a number of pretty assistants. The Princess Louise's stall displayed many attractive wares and the Countess of Erne had quite an army of helpers.

TABLE DECORATIONS.

Dinner parties have been following one another in quick succession this month, and every hostess seems to have made a point of decorating her table in the least conventional manner possible. One prides herself on her arranged of flowers; another makes a brilliant display of Venetian glass; a third mondaine places her electric lights in different corners of her room; a fourth amuses her guests by a large variety of lamp shades of curious shapes and colouring. This chromatic scale of shades comprises all kinds of birds, beasts, and fishes besides some curiously-shaped vegetables. Fruit of every description and colouring, in fantastic pyramids, formed a fifth beautiful combination. The most sensational arrangement of all was a tablecloth inserted with wide bands of priceless Venetian point, medallions of Bruges, Brussels and Valenciennes laces, in such quantities as to barely leave a few square inches of linen visible.

LAUREL EMBROIDERIES.

Every season the Paris embroiderers adopt one particular leaf for their designs, and according to the way the foliage is reproduced the leaf is enlarged or reduced far beyond its natural dimensions. There was once a vogue for poppy foliage (and flowers), followed later on by another for tulips. The "art nouveau" craze brought irises and orchids into fashion. There was a period, also when ivy and woodbine were mixed. This year, when so many of the gowns are First Empire, our artists have drawn chiefly laurel leaves intermingled at times with various Greek designs and the traditional key pattern. A lovely scarf specially made for an American blonde, was in pale green net incrusted with long satin laurel leaves of a much darker shade, delicately outlined with black. Parisiennes are using Dr. Dys' Lotion Capillaire Speciale with great success. This lotion makes the hair grow rapidly strengthens the roots and imparts a delightful gloss. Many women apply it also with equal success to their eyebrows and lashes. Darsy, 54, Faubourg St. Honore, has been sending quantities of this Lotion Capillaire Speciale all over the United Kingdom this month, besides the usual supplies of bandelettes and Sachets de Toilette.

A LADY ALDERMAN.

Lady St. Helier for the L.C.C., and unanimously elected as Lady Alderman at the meeting of the Council. A few years ago we should have rubbed our eyes at such an announcement. Last week it appeared to us as the most natural thing in the world. Lady St. Helier is the widow of the famous judge, the late Lord St. Helier (Sir Francis Jeune), so well-known in every world besides the legal and whose bold, dark features, to quote the "Foreign Resident" in London was supposed to recall Charles I.'s Lord Strafford, and "who seemed to look on at any wedding function with an expression half benedictory, half cynical, as if secretly speculating as to whether he should have the honour of assisting at the severance of the knot in due time." As a matter of fact, the expression of Lord St. Helier's face was naturally "half benedictory, half cynical," and had nothing whatever to do with the mood of the moment at weddings. Lady St. Helier was Miss Stewart Mackenzie of Seaforth before she married Colonel the Hon. Constantine Stanley, son of Baron Stanley of Alderley; and she became united, *en seconde noces*, to Sir Francis Jeune. One of the most remarkable women of her day, Lady St. Helier has been untiring in her efforts for the poor, and in the world is known as a most delightful entertainer. Round her in her time she has gathered all the great politicians, brilliant wits and savants, men and women of letters, painters, and members of the dramatic profession. London to her has been a vast whispering gallery, and what she has not known has not been worth knowing. Herself a sound and interesting writer, Lady St. Helier has published "Memories of Fifty Years," and constantly sent papers of the most informing sort to the quarterlies, and under the title of "Lesser Questions," a selection of her essays in social subjects was brought out a few years ago.

ACCENT.

Voice and accent are often marked even among our best-known men and women. One would imagine that Eton and Harrow, Oxford and Cambridge, might be trusted to remo all traces of provincial dialect. But such by no means the case, and an instance of is afforded by Lord Curzon of Kedlesto onetime Viceroy of India, and now Recto Glasgow University. To this day he sp with a marked north-country accent, and do also his aged father, Lord Scarsdale, three brothers, and his six sisters. Sir F rick Milner, who is a seventh baronet, decided Yorkshire dialect. Lord F speaks with the American twang th know so well, as, although a British pe was born and bred in the States. Scotch and Irish nobility are often this respect. Lord Balfour of Burl has been a Cabinet Minister, speaks than a little of the national accent same note may be heard in the ta Constance Stewart Richardson. Charles Beresford and Sir Edward at times, roll out their Irish h fection.

FEMALE LAROCHEFOUC

To be a feminine Larochefou is evidently the ambition of the de Talleyrand-Perigord, nee Be book of maxims, "Pensees et never sugary, and often corro spares her own sex rather less "The first thing they know is pretty, the last thing they lear are old," is one of her most "Women are always under puts them out, and sometime is decidedly contemptuous vein there is hardly a more "Woman is a drop of dew pearl. When a woman even crime, when she lo does not even forgive virt in other words before, but woman. There is less numour, in "A woman i is lost if she has no reser musicians the count "Don't marry a love harmony will end in breakdown," is one, a singer that "She singe her nose." But this all. A poor man ma with money. "She w "his planche de salut

DRESS AT TH

In consequence o on Friday, fur coats almost generally w the early morni o'clock the sun appeared, and all able, if cold, day luncheon a very he the Earl of Derby delay in starting National. The Pr by his host and ho of Derby, and att Keppel, motored ladies drove to th The toilettes worn in tone than on were many more some lovely shade geranium-red wer it was really to feathered hats a g hats of immense kinds of spring f notice. Once again supreme, and it wonderfully servic meetings. At leas gowned in blue se rial it is, and how all occasions.

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The Countess of D and skirt of black vel black hat trimmed feathers, and she had round her neck. Her Stanley, wore dark hat trimmed with Countess of Crewe, w on Thursday night, costume of black vel black braid, and wit round black beaver hat coloured heron pluma Essex was dressed in coat and skirt, and h with bistre-coloured Acheson was admired i dress, with a black hat ribbons and roses. La well in a gobelin blue skin coat having a hat, of blue satin and roses and green leav was very simply dre she had beautiful sable white tricorne hat, turn Viscountess Helmsley w a long sealskin paleto shades of greyish blue.

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Lady Helen Grosvenor, and suitably attired, was i blue serge, with a hat th tan-coloured satin. By her Mrs. Arthur Crichton, attired a long coat of broad-tail, and shaped hat, trimmed with sapp thers. The Hon. Mrs. George in a coat and skrit of rose-coloure a large black hat. The Hon. Mr was well wrapped up in a long m over a purple frieze dress, and velvet hat was trimmed with feath Lady Gerard was yet another seasonable musquash coat, and h blue toque was very becoming. Visco wore a long mink coat and a prune- toque. The Hon. Mrs. Edward Wyndh coat and skirt of black velvet and a tricor to match. The Countess of Ilchester, wh included in Colonel and Mrs. Hall Walk party from Gateacre Grange, was dressed i black-faced cloth coat and skirt, the collar the latter being outlined with pale blue; a she wore a black velvet toque trimmed wit three or four gardenias. Lady Dunedin chose an effective shade of French-grey cloth, and a black hat trimmed with flowers. Lady George Dundass, who was accompanied by her husband, had a gown of drap-coloured corduroy velvet, with moleskin furs, and a little black velvet toque, trimmed with gold tissue. Mrs. Leopold de Rothschild, who was to be seen in the paddock from time to time with her younger son, Mr. Evelyn de Rotschild, wore a coat and skirt of a peculiar shade of brownish green and a little velvet toque.

MR. W. OGDEN, who is now reorganising the Audit Office of the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway and unlikely to finish his work for sometime, and will probably return to London in August. He has asked for the services of a Railway Accounts officer for the line, and these will probably be given.

REFORM OF THE LORDS.

IMPORTANT STATEMENT BY MR. BALFOUR.

Favours Popular Election.

LORD ROSEBERY MAKES NEW PROPOSALS.

CRITICAL POSITION OF GOVERNMENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, APRIL 13.

Mr. Balfour, speaking at the United Club to-day, said the Unionists favoured an element in the Lords elected from the people, but they must not be wholly elected, as they did not desire to destroy the undisputed primacy of the House of Commons.

LONDON, APRIL 14.

Lord Rosebery has laid on the table further resolutions with regard to the reform of the House of Lords. Under his proposals, the Lords will consist, firstly of Peers chosen by the hereditary Peers from among themselves and nominated by the Crown, secondly Peers sitting by virtue of their offices or qualifications, and thirdly of members chosen from outside. The tenure of all will be identical, with the exception of the ex-officio members.

It is understood that the resolution will be submitted to a committee of the House of Lords simultaneously with the Government's resolutions.

In the House of Commons last night, amendments excluding, from the operation of the second veto resolution, Bills affecting the duration of Parliament and the parliamentary franchise, were rejected by majorities of 129 and 135.

Mr. J. A. Pease, speaking in London, said the Liberals were anxious to avoid connecting the King with politics, but the time was coming when they must be more specific, regarding the advice given to the King in the event of the Lords again resisting the people.

LATER.

Widely differing statements are current with regard to the position of the Government. While the Liberals declare that everything is smooth, and say that the Cabinet has agreed to ask the King for guarantees, conditional on Liberal victory in the election, it is affirmed in Conservative circles that the relations of the Government with the Nationalists have became so much worse, that defeat of the Government is not impossible in Monday night's division, when the Budget closure resolutions will be moved fixing the third reading for 27th April.

MR. ROOSEVELT'S PRESENT TO ENGLAND.

LONDON, APRIL 13.

Mr. Roosevelt has presented the British Museum with a large Natural History collection, in recognition of the kindness of British officials to him in Africa.

SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL AT GREENWICH.

Mikado Endows a Bed.

LONDON, APRIL 13.

M. Kato unveiled a tablet over a bed in the Seamen's Hospital at Greenwich, endowed by the Emperor of Japan. He expressed the gratitude of the Emperor and the Japanese nation for the care the hospital bestowed on Japanese sailors.

THE LATE SIR T. TANCRED.

Died from Taking Prussic Acid.

LONDON, APRIL 13.

At the inquest on the body of the late Sir Thomas Tancred, the jury found that he met his death by taking prussic acid.

INTERNATIONAL NAVAL RIVALRY.

Attempts to Outbid England.

LONDON, APRIL 14.

It is stated in Vienna that designs have been prepared for four more Dreadnoughts to be completed in 1913. The *Daily Telegraph* naval correspondent calls attention to the fact that Germany, Austria and Italy are for the first time building first class ships rivalling the British.

THE QUEEN'S HOLIDAY.

Cruise on the Mediterranean.

LONDON, APRIL 14.

Queen Alexandra has started for Genoa on a Mediterranean cruise.

DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN PAINTER.

LONDON, APRIL 14.

The death is announced of Sir William Orchardson.

[Sir William Queller Orchardson, R.A., was born in Edinburgh in 1835, and when he was fifteen he entered the Trustees Academy there. His ability was quickly recognised and in a few years he was exhibiting pictures at the Royal Scottish Academy. When he came to London in 1863, and exhibited in the Royal Academy, his pictures won favourable recognition everywhere. He was in great demand as a portrait painter, and his subject pictures were always one of the chief points of interest at the Annual Academy Exhibitions. He was elected A.R.A. in 1868, R.A. in 1877, and received his knighthood three years ago. Among his principal pictures —Napoleon I on board the "Bellerophon," 1880; Un Mariage de Convenance, 1884; The Salon of Madame Recamier, 1885; Un Mariage de Convenance—after, 1886; The Rift within the Lute, 1887; The Young Duke, 1889; Blossoms Fair and in the Gloaming, 1901.]

AUSTRALIAN ELECTIONS.

Big Wins for Labour Candidates.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, APRIL 13.

In the Commonwealth elections, the Labour candidates in Victoria have made many wins by enormous majorities. Returns from the other States are not yet complete.

LONDON, APRIL 14.

The *Times* correspondent at Sydney telegraphs that the complete returns show that the Labour party has made a net gain of eighteen seats.

RACING IN ENGLAND.

The Craven Stakes Result.

LONDON, APRIL 14.

The race for the Craven Stakes was run a Newmarket this afternoon with the following result :—

Nell Gow	1
Whisk Broom	2
Tressday	3

Six ran. The race was won by three lengths with a neck betweeen second and third. The betting at the start was as follows :—

6 to 4 on Neil Gow.
6 to 1 against Whisk Broom.
3 to 1 against Tressady.

THE RIGHTS OF KAYASTHAS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT).

DACCA, APRIL 14.

A largely attended and representative public meeting of Kayasthas of this Province was held here last night. The Maharaja of Dinajpur, descendant of a historic and honoured Kayastha family of Northern Bengal, presided. The objects of meeting were to assert that the Kayasthas should realise their legitimate position and privileges in Society, and that they were entitled to the sacred thread. These were eloquently explained by Rai Bahadur Kaliprasanna Ghose. Resolutions to the above effect and for the curtailment of marriage expenses were passed.

EUROPEAN POLICE STONED.

Trouble at Pondicherry.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, APRIL 14.

Pondicherry, judging from reports received here, has been in a state of turmoil with the mill-hands giving trouble, and a rabble of 200 attempting to create a disturbance. The manager of the Sabannah Mill enforced some new rules, which were resented and trouble ensued. The Rodier Mill too has had to deal with grievances. An unruly crowd on Saturday morning indulged in stone-throwing at European Police Officers, and damaged the shutters and doors of residences and lamps on the road side. Those who were arrested were promptly dealt with, and quiet has been restored.

The elections are on at Pondicherry, and there is no saying when there was be another disturbance.

PROVINCIAL EXCISE ACTS.

Amendment being Undertaken.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT).

SIMLA, APRIL 14.

Nearly all the provinces have brought their Excise Acts up to the date in conformity with Government Orders, on the report of Sir William Thompson's Committee, and a Bill for the Punjab is under discussion. An Imperial Act will be passed for the Central Provinces, the draft of which is being sent home by this mail. Baluchistan, Ajmere-Merwara and other provinces under the Supreme Government will be dealt with under regulations. Bombay, and Madras will retain their special Acts.

INDIAN ARMY RELIEFS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, APRIL 14.

The following changes have been made to the Indian Infantry Relief Programme for 1910-11 :—

14th Sikhs, Quetta to Loralai; 130th Baluchis, Chaman to Quetta; the 126th Infantry, Loralai to Hong Kong; 3rd Brahmans, Agra to Singapore; 110 Mahsratta Infantry, Ahmednagar, to Secunderabad; 6th Jansi, to Ahmedabad; 117th Mahratta, Kamptee to Poona; 114th Mahratta Poona to Dibrugarh; and Buxa Duars, 98th Infantry, Ceylon to Kamptee; 25th Sikhs, from Jhelum to Ferozapur; 46th Panjabis, Ferozepore to Jhelum and the 119th Gurkhas, Dehra Dun to Chitral.

The following changes have been made to the British Infantry Relief programme for 1910-11 :—2nd Battalion, Shropshire Infantry, Dinapore and Dum Dum to Secundarabad; 1st Battalion, Middlesex Regiment, Allahabad to Dinapore and Dum Dum; 2nd Battalion, Cheshire Regiment, Secunderabad to Shwebo and Bhamo.

GUSTADJI COOPER CASE.

The Witness Cross-examined.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, APRIL 14.

The hearing of the case against Gustadji Cooper, charged by the Railway Police with making a false complaint, was resumed to-day before the City Magistrate. The cross-examination of Rustomji Ardreshir was completed by Mr. K. A. Ghaswalla, Barrister, appearing for the accused. Another witness, Mr. M. F. Mehta, who was alleged to have been present during the cancellation of the promissory note passed by Ardeshir was cross-examined. The complainant, the Railway Police Sub-Inspector, to whom the accused cited the complaint regarding the loss, remains to be cross-examined. This official being on leave the case is postponed till third May. The Assistant Government prosecutor, with the Police prosecutor, appeared for the prosecution.

PUBLIC MEETINGS IN CALCUTTA.

Prohibitory Order Extended.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, APRIL 14.

The Bengal Government has issued a notification intimating that the orders prohibiting the holding of the meetings, the making of speeches at or taking part in meetings "within half an hour of sunset" at various squares and public places in the town and suburbs has been extended for a further period of one year.

BIG FIRE AT MANDALAY.

Many Blocks of Buildings Destroyed.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

RANGOON, APRIL 14.

The Mandalay fire started a little after three o'clock in the afternoon in the north-eastern corner of Block No. 329 in Ahmad Awpay at the Compow Oung Pyigyipy Awbwe quarter. A few yards to the right is a wooden bridge over the Shwet Achaung, south of the Sesky Ashiba pagoda. Had this bridge caught fire it would have got both sides of the Shivet Achaung. Fortunately the south-east and the bridge escaped, the fire jumped to Blocks Nos. 328 and 327 and kept straight on north towards the Endawye pagoda and sideways to Blocks Nos, 322 and 328 and Megawadi, just missing No. 14 guard running three block wide. It caught up one after another the huge Spoongyi Kyaungs in the Thirithawa quarter spreading to the width of five blocks before it reached here. The whole of the Praungs, and both sides of the new road made by Court Calderari were utterly destroyed, and only a few pucca buildings escaped. It was now about five o'clock. The efforts of the Fire Brigade, though well directed, were powerless to control the fire which soon leaped across B Road No. 18 or Seinden Guard, and Seyone Bazar escaped but the Burma Rice and Flour Mills on the east and Blocks Nos. 266 and 269 caught fire and the fire worked on to the Shirinala quarter. So far the blocks between Eindaya and Shweta Chaung escaped, but as the fire overwhelmed the rice and flour mill a sudden whirlwind threatened to drive it eastwards to the Brothers school and Doctor Marks Church. The bridge across the dry hollow, west of these buildings, caught fire at the western end. The fire threatened to come across, but the Military came up in time to break down the bridge in the centre and stopped the progress of the fire in this direction. Fortunately too, north of the burning blocks is a wide hollow running east and west which in the rains is a big creek and this stopped advance of the fire northwards.

Meanwhile the fire flames were slowly advancing on the west along the Thingaza creek, threatening the mills there and great efforts were made to arrest their progress. Unfortunately the Penwegon Sawmill could not be saved. The Crisps Sawmill formerly the Dawsons, had the narrowest escape. The fire spreading down along its long line of fence and destroying many houses beyond up to Block No. 263 burning right through the night.

The course of the fire was one mile from start to finish and half a mile at its widest; some 2,500 buildings have been destroyed and the damage is estimated by Chetties at 20 lakhs. The two mills were insured with the Royal for Rs. 62,000 and Rs. 38,000 respectively, but the stock is valued at Rs. 50,000 and Rs. 30,000 respectively and was not insured. About 6 o'clock the fire stopped the tram services, destroying the insulators for four posts length and snapping one supporting wire. Through service was resumed at 5 o'clock yesterday evening when also the Relief Committee distributed about forty bags of rice, and two bags of beans. More relief is urgently needed. The programme of relief was arranged this morning. More funds must be got if the relief is to be comprehensive. A Relief Fund has been opened in Rangoon.

LATER.

Further details to hand regarding the great fire at Mandalay state that it began about four o'clock on Tuesday afternoon near 32nd road west on Shweta Chaung and with a steady hot weather wind from south and everything as dry as a chip because of the fierce heat during the previous days. It rapidly spread northwards. The efforts of the fire brigade and of willing helpers were of no avail and the fire ate its way, travelling for a time due north and then to north-west, seizing on and destroying block after block. By 6 o'clock the fire had got as far as north as C. Road and abreast of Marks Church. The damage is estimated at from eight to twelve lakhs and is possibly nearer the latter figure, because the many blocks destroyed were occupied by traders who store goods in their houses. Three mills are among the buildings destroyed, and the fire continued burning till late last night. Relief parties of the Military were out helping to save property and restrict the destruction, but conditions favouring the spread of fire so good that but little could be effected. Many Kyaungs and priceless carvings are said to be destroyed. A Relief Fund has been started.

FRONTIER RAIDS AND LOOT.

Appeal to the Viceroy.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, APRIL 14.

The Punjab Hindu Sabha has sent the following telegram to the Private Secretary to the Viceroy :—

"Punjab Hindu Sabha humbly prays for measures against raids on Hindus in the Frontier Province in concert with the Chief Commissioner and open enquiry as to the loot in Peshawar."

PORT TRUST RECEIPTS.

Increase due to Heavy Exports.

A statement issued by the Bombay Port Trust gives an abstract of the revenue receipts for the year ending March 31st, 1910. This shows a grand total of Rs. 73,96,413 actual receipts compared to a budget estimate of Rs. 73,72,901, and actuals for the preceding year of Rs. 6,89,796. This account is made up of the following items (with similar comparisons) Rs. 26,91,502, compared with Rs. 26,16,225 and Rs. 26,18,163; Princes and Victoria Docks Rs. 36,11,514 compared with Rs. 35,81,000 and Rs. 32,41,111; Merewether Dry Dock, Rs. 1,45,49, compared with Rs. 1,97,000 and Rs. 1,84,283; interest and Miscellaneous Rs. 4,76,758 compared with Rs. 4,98,000 and Rs.4,17,951; post department, Rs.2,37,952 compared with Rs.2,42,600 and Rs.2,21,149 and pilolage receipts, Rs.2,33,196 compared with Rs.2,38,076 and Rs.2,07,139.

The actuals for 1909-10 are Rs. 23,003 more than the budget estimates and the total receipts exceeded those of 1908-9 by Rs.5,96,600.

The explanation of the increase in revenue is to be found in the export trade, the principal claims of which were as follows :—Cotton 1,760,000 compared with 1,401,000, an increase of 359,000; grain, 324,000 tons compared with 155,000, an increase of 169,000; manganese ore 377,000 tons, compared with 340,000, an increase of 37,000; oil seeds, 437,000 tons, compared with 312,000, an increase of 125,000; cottonseeds, 217,000 compared with 161,000, an increase of 56,000 in the import trade. The principal item was grain which decreased to the extent of 100,000 tons due to a favourable season.

The gross surplus receipts are estimated at a over little Rs. 9 lakhs and allowing for a rebate to the trade estimated at approximately Rs.5,12,000 there will be a net surplus of about Rs.4 lakhs as compared with Rs. 2,80,000 the surplus estimated for in the Budget. This amount will be available for transfer to the revenue reserve fund.

A MESSAGE from Forte de France, Martinique, states that five houses belonging to sugarcane planters and one factory have been burned. The fires are believed to be due to incendiarism.

DEATH OF SIR CHARLES ALLEN.

Exceedingly Sudden Illness.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

DARJEELING, APRIL 14.

The unfavourable symptoms noted in Sir Charles Allen's condition after yesterday's operation become intensified, and inspite of all that medical assistance could do, he passed away early this morning. Much sympathy is felt at his tragically sudden death. His illness was exceedingly sudden. Just prior to leaving Calcutta, for Darjeeling a few days ago, he told a friend that he had never felt in better health in his life.

Sir Charles was Chief Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

CALCUTTA, APRIL 14.

The news of the death of Sir Charles Allen has evoked spontaneous demonstration of sorrow in Calcutta. As a mark of respect the offices of the Calcutta Corporation with which deceased was long connected and the Calcutta Police Court were closed. The *Empire* has devoted a leading article enumerating personal virtues and qualifications of Sir Charles as a public servant. Several tributes have been paid to him by Union Club of which he has one of founders Commissioners of Calcutta Corporation and the authorities of the Corporation and the authorities of Calcutta Medical College. It is likely that Mr. E. V. Levinge C. S. will succeed Sir Charles as Chief Secretary to the Bengal Government.

SIMLA, APRIL 14.

Mr. E. V. Levinge I. C. S. will act as Chief Secretary to the Bengal Government and he has already left for Darjeeling to take over the duties.

THE AMIRS TOUR.

Good Health Reported.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, APRIL 14.

The Amir who has been staying at Jelallabad for some time and will leave for his capital by motor to-morrow. He is enjoying excellent health and everything is quiet in his territory.

NANGLA DACOITY CASE.

Discharged Prisoners Re-arrested.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, APRIL 14.

The Approver, Abani Bhusan Chakrabuty and others, accused in the Nangla dacoity case, who were discharged by the High Court and also by the Khulna Court in the gang case, have been re-arrested on a third charge, and are now awaiting trial.

The enquiry against Abani Bhusan in the Nangla Dacoity case closed yesterday, and he is now to be sent to the High Court for trial.

RAMGARH COAL FIELDS.

Now State Property.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, APRIL 14.

The State ownership of the Ramgarh Coal Fields is now an accomplished fact, and recently the Secretary of the Railway Board signed the formal contract on behalf of the Secretary of State. Preparations are in progress for the opening up of these areas under the management of the Oudh and Rohilkhand Railway, carrying out the railway survey from Mogal Serai through Daltonguni and the Coal Fields to a point either on the E. I. Railway or the B. N. Railway. These companies are also carrying out boarding experiments, and examining seams with a view to finding out the best means of working the collieries.

STEALING EXAMINATION PAPERS.

Accused Plead Guilty.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, APRIL 14.

Devarajulu Moodelly and Thiruvenkataswamy Moodelly were to-day placed on their trial before the Town Police Magistrate. The first was charged with the theft of examination papers and the second accused with dishonestly receiving stolen property and assisting in the disposals of the same. The subject matter of the charge related to three copies of the question-papers for the advanced grade and two for the intermediate grade of typewriting examination. The cases were taken up separately and both the accused pleaded guilty and sentence was deferred till Saturday. The two men were arrested as receivers and will be charged.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, APRIL 14.

Lieutenant-Colonel W. B. Browning, I.M.S., retires from the 17th May.

Captain White, 4th Hussars, on exchange to the Indian Army, is posted to the 39th Horse.

Lieutenant-Colonel Cobbe V. C. is confirmed as General Staff Officer, 1st Grade, at Army Head-quarters

Colonel Carnegy, Assistant Adjutant General, Meerut Division, officiates in command of the Abbottabad Brigade vice General Watkis transferred to the Lucknow Brigade.

Lieutenant Marshall, 58th Royal Field Artillery, is posted to the 74th Royal Field Artillery, on promotion to Captain.

Colonel Lowry Cole, Assistant Adjutant General Peshawar Division, has six months' leave, Colonel Strange, Royal Field Artillery, officiating.

INDIAN PRESS ACT.

Rules of the Bombay High Court.

THE current copy of the "Bombay Government Gazette" contains a series of rules which have been made by the Chief Justice and Judges of the Bombay High Court under section 2 of the Indian Press Act, and which come into operation to-day, the 15th instant. We append a summary of these :—

The rules apply to all applications made to and proceedings taken in the High Court under the Indian Press Act, and provide that every application to set aside an order of forfeiture shall be made by the presentation of a petition, signed by the applicant and verified by affidavit. The petition must be written in English on foolscap or similar paper. The petition shall state the interest of the applicant in the property affected by the order, copies being annexed of documents in proof of the claim and also the grounds on which the order is sought to be set aside. All vernacular documents annexed or relied on shall be translated into English by the official translators.

The petition, with exhibits and translations and copies of the same, shall be presented to the Chief Justice, who will constitute a Special Bench and appoint a day for hearing. Printed book containing the petition, exhibits, etc., shall be prepared and delivered to the Prothonotary at least one week before the day of hearing.

BIG BLAZE AT MANDVI.

Extensive Damage.

THE thickly populated locality of Mandvi was thrown into great excitement yesterday morning, when it was known that a fire had broken out in a two-storeyed building. A policeman doing duty at the corner of Maajid Bunder Road and Don Tad Street, noticed smoke issuing out of a two-storeyed house situated about a few paces away from his post, and raised an alarm. The owner of the house, and other occupants of the building at once rushed out. The house belonged to Haji Adam Ismail. The ground-floor was rented by one Narsee Ladha, a dealer in gunny bags and the first floor by one Purshottam Hassaria, a dealer in the same stuff. The Babula Tank, the Fort, the Gowalia Tank and the Byculla Fire Engines, and the Municipal Motor Engines arrived on the scene. The water-main in the street, however, did not respond at once and some time was lost in starting operations.

It is believed that the fire originated in the gunny bags on the ground floor. It reached the two upper floors. Fanned by a light breeze the flames extended to an adjoining three-storeyed house, situated to the north side of the burning building. The men of the Babula Tank Fire Brigade under Mr. Lamton had started playing with hose connected with the main in the street. But as the flames threatened the adjoining building, the Fort engine under Mr. Scott joined in the attack. The eaves of the roof of the adjoining house had already caught fire and a portion of the roof burnt, but the Fire Brigade by its exertions succeeded in rescuing it from farther destruction. The flames repulsed from the north however turned towards the south of the building on fire, where was situated a huge building five storeys high, extending from Don Tad Street to Jackaria Street, having its facade in the latter street and owned by one Haji Ismail Haji Allam. Mr. Scott and Mr. Lamton under the directions of their chief and with the assistance of the officers of the other Fire Brigade Stations, directed their energies to saving this building. While they were playing with their hose on this house, they noticed that the projecting portion of the roof of a large house in the opposite row of the burning house had also caught fire, this they at once put out by turning their hose for a few minutes on them; but at the same time they did not give up the big house in the south. The roof and the top floor of this house were partially damaged when the progress of the flames was checked successfully, and the fire was got under control at six o'clock. The continuous pouring of water on the roof of the house opposite kept it cool and thus it was saved from any considerable damage. The fire was put out at seven o'clock.

The cause of the fire has not been ascertained.

The damage to the building in which the fire originated is estimated at Rs. 15,000 covered by insurance. Added to this the damage done by the destruction of furniture belonging to the owner, the total damage to the house owner Haji Adam comes to about Rs. 16,000 which is not covered by insurance. Damage to the occupant of the ground floor is estimated at Rs. 5,000 which is covered by insurance with the Sun Insurance Company and that to the tenant of the first floor is compiled at Rs.4,000 which is insured with the Alliance Insurance Company of Berlin. Haji Hafid Haji Gafoor Mahomed, the owner of the house on the north, and Haji Ismail, the owner of the building on the south, have sustained damage to the extent of Rs. 3,000 each, and they are not covered by insurance. Besides these, Haji Sulleman Cassim, a tenant residing on the top floor of the house of Haji Ismail, reports that he has sustained damage to the extent of Rs. 10,000 by the destruction of his furniture, ornaments, notes and cash. The total damage is thus estimated at about Rs. 41,000.

THE BOMBAY SERVICES.

The Honourable Mr. T. J. Strangman, LL.B. (Cant.), Barrister-at-Law, Advocate-General, Bombay, is granted extraordinary leave for six months with effect from the 23rd April 1910, or subsequent date.

Mr. C. H. Longley, on return from leave, to act as District Superintendent of Police, Surat, vice Mr. R. B. Boyd, proceeding on leave, pending further orders.

Mr. J. Sanders Slater, Bar.-at-Law, Administrator-General and Official Trustee, Bombay, is allowed privilege leave for one month and twenty-three days combined with furlough for four months and nine days with effect from the 16th May.

Mr. H. N. Crouch, Barrister-at-Law, Additional Judicial Commissioner of Sind, is granted furlough for five months and ten days with effect from the 14th July, with permission to prefix the next annual vacation of the Court and affix the Christmas holidays to his leave.

Mr. Joseph Nissim, I. C.S., Assistant Collector, Nasik, is allowed privilege leave for three months in combination with special leave on urgent private affairs for three months with effect from 20th April or subsequent date.

Mr. N. H. Hey, I. C. S., Assistant Collector, Larkana, is allowed privilege leave for two months and twenty-two days with effect from 11th May or subsequent date.

Mr. D. S. Proctor, Assistant Collector of Excise, Poona, Satara and Ahmadnagar Districts, is granted privilege leave of absence for three months in combination with furlough for three months with effect from 12th May or subsequent date.

Mr. W. A. Wallinger, Extra Deputy Conservator of Forests, has been allowed by His Majesty's Secretary of State for India to return to duty.

Mr. K. Hewlett, M.R.C.V.S., I.C.V.D., to be Principal, Bombay Veterinary College, vice Lieutenant-Colonel F. Joslen, F.R.C.V.S., I.C.V.D., deceased.

Captain J. P. Watson, Bombay Volunteer Artillery, is granted leave of absence out of India from date to 1st November.

Mr. E. G. Turner, I. C. S., on return from leave, to be on special duty in connection with the scheme for the development of Salsette and the work relating to Salsette Building Sites.

Captain W. D. Wright, M.B., I.M.S., to act as Civil Surgeon, Ahmednagar, in addition to his own duties, vice Lieutenant H. L. Howell, R.A.M.C., pending further orders.

Captain C. H. Chetham, Karachi Artillery Volunteers, is granted seven months leave out of India on private affairs from 15th April.

Mr. R. Vincent to be Inspector of Steam Boilers and Prime Movers for the purposes of the Bombay Boiler Inspection Act 1891, vice Captain E. J. J. Britton, and Aden is fixed as the local extent of the duties of the said Inspector.

Mr. F. M. Lawson, A.M.I.C.E., A.M.I.M.E., as taember of the Board of Examiners in Bombay.

Mr. N. B. Baxter is granted language leave for three months combined with privilege leave for three months with effect from the 15th April, or subsequent date.

On relief by Mr. D. R. H. Browne, A.K.C., Mr. R. T. Harrison is appointed Under Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, vice Mr. R. W. Murphy proceeding to England on deputation.

The following officers are appointed to be Presidents of the Taluka Local Boards in the Kanara District mentioned against their names :—Mr. R. M. Maxwell, I. C. S., Kumta. Sirsi, Siddapur and Honavar. Rao Bahadur Venkatrav Dattatraya Yennemadi, Karwar, Ankola, Yellapur and Hatiyal including Mundgod and Supa Pethas.

The following officers are appointed to be Presidents of the Talukas Local Boards in the Belgaum District mentioned against their names :—Mr. G.H. Cowan, I. C. S., Belgaum, Khanapur, Sampgaon and Parasgod. Rao Bahadur Endraganda Chanvirgauda Artal, Athni, Gokak, Chikodi and Hukeri.

Mr. V. G. Jog, Assistant District Inspector, is ordered to hold charge of the office of District Agricultural Inspector, Ratnagiri, in addition to his own duties for the remaining period or until further order.

Lieutenant F. H. E. Townshend, R. E., Assistant Engineer, is granted privilege leave for two months from 10th April to 9th June, or subsequent date.

"LADY HUNTWORTH'S EXPERIMENT."

THERE was a second performance of this comedy at the Empire Theatre, Bombay, last evening, by a company of Bombay amateurs. There was a good attendance and everyone was thoroughly delighted with the entertainment. Captain Sullivan once more excelled behalf in the part of the Rev. Audley Pillinger. Mrs. Dorvaston repeated her excellent playing as Lady Huntworth and the rest of the company gave them first rate support. The proceeds were again devoted to the building fund of St. Peter's Church, Mazgon.

BOMBAY Y. M. C. A.

The Student Department Building

FOUNDATION STONE LAYING BY GOVERNOR.

HIS EXCELLENCY Sir George Sydenham Clarke, Governor of Bombay, last evening, performed the interesting ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the New Student Department Building of the Bombay Young Man's Christian Associations, near the New Bridge, Sandhurst Road.

A number of ladies and gentleman interested in Bombay Y. M. C. A. were present on the occasion.

And amongst those who attended the function were :—The Hon. Mr. H. E. E. Procter, Rev. D. Mackichan, D.D., LL.D., Mr. R. G. Montaath, Prof. L. L. Joshi, B.Sc., M.D., Rev. S. V. Karmarkar, B.D., Mr. B. N. Atavale, B.A., LL.B., Lieut. D. S. Johnston, R.E., Rev. J. Mackenzie, M.A., Rev. J. Smith, M.A., Mr. Frank Anderson, M.A., Rev. J. Smith, Mr. Games Macdonald, Mr. A. H. S. Anson, Mr. D. M. Inglis, Rev. A. S. Crichton, Rev. J. Mackenzie, Mr. E. Adams, Mr. A. C. Owen, Mr. J. W. Fido, Mr. D. S. Johnston, Mr. R. D. Butler, Mr. C. A. Hawes, Rev. Barrell, Rev. McOmist, Mr. F. L. McAfee, Col. Bonnerman, Rev. H. A. R. C. Jenkins, Secretary, Central Y. M. C. A., Mr. Denson.

The Bombay Y.M.C.A., which was founded in 1875, for many years confined its attention to young men of European descent and to Indian Christians; in 1896, in response to an appeal from the Committee, strongly supported by the Bombay Missionary Conference, a Secretary was sent out by the English National Council of the Y M C.As. to extend its influence among the students and other educated non-Christian young men of the City. In 1899, Mr. Frank Anderson, the Secretary, went to England for 9 months, and, while there, was able so to interest friends in the work that over Rs. 75,000 was subscribed, of which Rs. 60,000 were for the erection of a building, for students' use while the balance was earmarked as a guarantee fund for its maintenance during the first 5 years of work.

GENERAL CHARACTER OF THE BUILDING.

The building, the architects of which are Messrs. Chambers and Fritchley, will contain a ground floor and two upper floors, the walls being sufficiently thick to carry, if necessary, an additional floor. The ground floor will comprise a hall 45' by 35' with a gallery, the whole seating from 275—300 people, a Reading-Room, Library, Restaurant, and Classrooms; the first floor will comprise a Hostel for 35 students and the second floor will contain a flat for the accommodation of a Secretary or Secretaries; further, the first and second floors will each contain a suite of rooms for an unmarried Secretary; servants' quarters will be on the roof. The whole will thus combine a Students' Institute or Club, a Hostel, and a Settlement. The building was commenced in March 1910, and it shall be completed in April 1911.

OBJECTS OF THE BUILDINGS.

The main objects to be achieved by erecting such a building may be briefly stated as follows:—To bring the students and other educated young men of Bombay within the scope of the Young Men's Christian Association Movement, which is now represented in all the progressive countries of the world and to set before them the doctrines and principles of the Christian faith. To form a social centre and place of resort for students of all classes and creeds, where under the stimulus of the Christian faith, the highest spiritual and moral ideals may be held up, and all barriers and misunderstandings may be removed. To afford some addition to the present limited Hostel accommodation for students in Bombay. To bring the students of Bombay into touch with the best traditions of Western Student life, by means of a settlement of selected men from British Colleges. To conduct such lectures and classes of a religious, moral and educational character, as would be of special interest to students and other educated men.

COST OF THE BUILDING.

The estimated cost of the building, exclusive of electric light and furniture, is Rs. 1,22,309; to this should be added Rs. 30,876, being the capitalised value of the land at 22 1-4 years' purchase, making a total of Rs. 1, 53,185; the payment for the land will take the form of an annual ground-rent, but the Committee are most anxious to provide at once a capital fund, the interest of which shall be applied to meet this; should the Improvement Trust Act be so amended as to enable them to accept a compounded payment of the rent, this fund would be available for this important purpose. To meet the cost a sum of Rs. 85,000 is actually available, including the "Bowen Memorial Fund"; it is expected on the general ground of the building being a Student's Institute and more especially on the ground of the Hostel to be provided, that a liberal grant will be made by Government; for this there is abundant precedent in regard to similar Institutions in Calcutta, Madras, Lahore and Allahabad, the four other University towns of India. It is hoped that before the building is completed, it will be possible to interest other friends in the project and so secure whatever other money may still be needed to open it free of debt.

FEATURES OF SPECIAL INTEREST IN THE BUILDING.

A.—The Bowen Memorial Hall.—On February 5th, 1888, there died in Bombay, Rev. George Bowen, a man, whose saintly and self-sacrificing character, had made him for forty years a commanding figure among the Christian workers in the city. At the instance of the Bombay Missionary Conference a fund was started for the provision of a permanent memorial of his devoted life, the idea being to build a Memorial Hall, to be maintained on an interdenominational basis, thus "worthily representing the catholic spirit in which Mr. Bowen lived and worked." The amount subscribed though liberal, was, however, not found sufficient to carry out the scheme, and all negotiations regarding land, etc., came to nothing. The project remained in abeyance until 1899, when the scheme for a Student Department Building for the Y. M. C. A. was brought forward, and it was suggested to the Missionary Conference that they might be able to carry out their original scheme by allocating the fund to the erection of the Hall which was to form part of the Building. This suggestion was accepted and the Hall will, therefore, be known as the "Bowen Memorial Hall." The money has remained invested in Government Promissory Notes, and now amounts to some Rs. 18,000 (nominal value).

B.—The Freeman Memorial Library.—On February 20th, 1900, there died at Nasik, at the age of 56, Lieut.-Colonel T. A. Freeman, M. A., a military officer, who, after retirement from the service, had joined the Church Missionary Society in Bombay in 1894 as an honorary worker. Colonel Freeman had identified himself in the most self-denying spirit with every from of Christian work in the city; for three years he held the position of President of the Bombay Young Men's Christian Association and he was particularly interested in the welfare of young men of the educated non-Christian class. Colonel Freeman was the perfect type of the Christian gentleman and scholar, and on his death a memorial fund was raised, which it was felt would be most fittingly employed in providing the Library for the Student Department Building of the Y. M. C. A., the plans for which were then taking shape. The fund amounts to some Rs. 5,000.

After laying the above facts before the assembly, Mr. Frank Anderson said :

The Y. M. C. A., which was started under very different conditions more than 60 years ago in London, has been able to adapt itself to the needs of young men the world over, and not least to those of students. Bombay is at last able to take a step forward, and put the work of the Student Department of its Y. M. C. A. on as strong a footing as that in Calcutta and Madras by the erection of a special building for the purpose. In this it is encouraged by the very practical sympathy which Government has shown either with the Y. M. C. A. or with similar institutions in the four other University towns of India. It is encouraged still more by the actual experience of these other places, where it has been proved conclusively that the Indians of all classes and creeds warmly appreciate the advantages of such an institution as is being inaugurated to-day; as an illustration of this the fact may be mentioned that a number of students of the Government Veterinary College at Parel, mostly non-Christians, who had been in touch with the Y. M. C. A. in Madras, Bangalore and other towns of South India, are at the present time asking that a Branch of the Y. M. C. A. may be started in the neighbourhood of the College in Bombay.

But a further fact, which is in many ways most significant and interesting, is this, that in this respect India is simply moving along the same lines as Japan and China, where in all the large student centres, similar branches of the Y. M. C. A., with suitable buildings, are being formed not merely with the most cordial sympathy but with the financial assistance of the Japanese and Chinese themselves.

I believe it is true that the only body which unites or attempts to unite the students of the world, to-day in any definite way or for any common object is the body known as the World's Student Christian Federation; certainly the only World's Conferences of students ever held have been those held in France, Holland, Japan, and last year at Oxford under its auspices. The development of the Student Department of the Bombay Y. M. C. A. will bring the students of our city into touch with that great student brotherhood, and they will feel the effect of the stimulating and uplifting force.

The presence of Your Excellency here to-day would indicate (if it had not been sufficiently indicated already by your address at the Educational Conference last week) the deep interest which Your Excellency takes in the highest welfare of students. It is hoped that this building will further in some degree the cherished desires of Your Excellency and of the Government in this respect, and that the students of the city will find here a home, a place for quiet resort, a place where everything that they hear will encourage them to be noble and true, a place where they will find sympathetic counsellors to guide them in their difficulties, warn them of their dangers and encourage them in all their highest aspirations.

THE HON'BLE MR. PROCTER.

The Hon'ble Mr. H. E. E. Procter said : Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen,—In asking your Excellency to lay the foundation stone of our new Student Building it is not necessary for me to add much to the clear statement just read by Mr. Anderson of the conception, aims and objects of the Building but there are a few things I should like to particularly refer to and emphasize.

Before doing so may I first say how sorry we are that the Bishop of Bombay is not with us this afternoon. He had hoped to be present but found it impossible to postpone his departure from Bombay but in writing to say this he expressed his great sympathy with the work and wished it every success.

The first thing I wish to say is to express on behalf of the Association our appreciation of your Excellency's presence with us this afternoon.

We regard our work for the young men of this country as a national one in the truest sense of the word and as such it is only fitting it should receive the support and recognition of Government. This I am glad to say, it always has done. The Foundation Stone of the Central Building was laid by your Excellency's predecessor Lord Lamington who also opened it when it was completed and your Excellency's presence here to-day is a further proof of Government's sympathy and good-will towards the work in our Association in carrying on in this great city. I should also like to take this opportunity of expressing our thanks to your Excellency's Government for the liberal grant they have made towards the cost of this Building which we deeply appreciate.

Now with regard to the Building itself it may seem strange at first sight that we should be putting up this new Building before first clearing off the debt on the Central Building. I think, however, that the statement put into your hands this evening giving the history of the Student Department Building from its inception makes this quite clear, but I would just repeat here that this Building is for students and educated non-Christian young men of this city, whereas our Central Building is primarily for Europeans and the bulk of the money required for this Building has already been subscribed and set aside specially for this purpose. As will be seen from the statement, we still require about Rs. 50,000 to complete the Building and buy the site and I would earnestly appeal to all who realise the value of the work which this Building will be the means of do

upheld the ideal of a common brotherhood. The building of which I have had the honour to lay the foundation stone will, I am sure, be such a centre of influences. In it colour and creed will be ignored. The member will meet on common ground and can be helped in learning the great lessons of duty, right love of their fellow-men, self-control and self-respect. I note that more funds are needed and that these new in hand have almost entirely been supplied by friends in England. This is only a tiny fraction of the very large drain from the West to the East of which we hear so little, but which is quietly expending itself all over India in care of the sick, the orphan, the ignorant, and in spreading doctrines of love. I hope that help will be forthcoming in India for an Institution which will open its doors wide to Indian students, and I cordially wish success to the efforts which will be made here to bring the races together for objects in which all can share.

On the motion of Dr. Mackichan, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Governor.

THE BOMBAY STUDENTS.

The Rev. Dr. Mackichan in proposing the vote of thanks to the Governor took the opportunity of publicly announcing that there never was a happier and more satisfactory year than the one that had just closed so far as the readiness and willingness on the part of the students to accept and comply with all the disciplinary orders of the College professors. He asked his English friends to dismiss from their mind the idea that Indian students were the causes of all the trouble and unrest in India. So far as Bombay college students were concerned he could speak out from his long experience extending over 35 years that these students were as honourable and law-abiding as any loyal citizens—as loyal as even he English citizens.

PUBLIC COMPANY MEETINGS.

BOMBAY ICE COMPANY MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the Bombay Ice Manufacturing Company was held yesterday at the Company's offices, Mr. Ekn th R. Khote presiding.

The following report was approved and adopted:—

After providing Rs. 19,661-8-5 for payment of the interest on the debentures and loans, the profit and loss account shows a balance of Rs. 12,083-3-10. The board recommend that this sum be dealt with as follows:—To be placed to deterioration and renewal account, Rs. 10,000; to be applied in reduction of the expenses in connection with the renewal of debentures, Rs. 200; to next year's account, Rs. 1,883-3-10: Total Rs. 12,083-3-10. The attempt referred to in last report that was made to form an agreement for the purpose of pooling the sales of ice and maintaining prices at a paying level, proved unsuccessful. The situation being one of duplication by the starting of two new competing factories thus making eight in all. The average price realised by the Company for its ice was about 8 per cent. less than in the previous year, and notwithstanding the restriction imposed upon the sale of ice whilst working in combination for about three months in the early part of the year, the quantity sold shows a reduction of only 7½ per cent. as compared with that of the previous year. The directors bearing in mind the increased competition they has to be met have been endeavouring to keep down expenses and have succeeded in effecting a saving of about 15 per cent. as compared with the expenses of the previous year. The certificates of the Registrar regarding the reduction of capital and the amendments to the memorandum of association of the Company were obtained on the 12th August last. Steps are being taken to bring the articles of association into line with the now existing enactments and resolutions will shortly be submitted to the shareholders to give effect to the necessary changes.

Mr. E. R. Khote and Dr. D. H. Patel were re-elected directors and Messrs. A. F. Fergusson and Co., and Mr. Nusserwanji Sorabji Jamshedji were appointed auditors. A vote of thanks to the Chair terminated the proceedings.

SASSOON SPINNING AND WEAVING CO.

The annual meeting of this Company was held yesterday at its offices, Mr. A. G. Dovey presiding.

The following report was approved and adopted:—The accounts, including Rs. 23,769-2-3 brought forward from last year, show a profit of Rs. 1,74,333-6-3, which the directors propose to deal with as follows:—To pay a dividend of Rs. 60 per share, free of income tax, Rs. 1,35,000; to be written off for repairs and improvement of bunglow and sepoys' chawls, Rs. 5-6 8-1; to be written off for new water main, Rs. 1,344-15-1; to be written off for electric light installation, Rs. 547; to be written off for fire appliances, Rs. 61-4-1; to be carried forward Rs. 36,193-11-1 Total Rs. 1,74,333-6 3. The directors trust that the result of the year's working will be considered satisfactory. The year was a very trying one, for with the short cotton crop in America, prices of the raw material advanced to a very great extent, but unfortunately there was no response in the cloth and yarn markets of this country. The effect of this was more particularly felt in the second half of the year, when in spite of the high price of cotton no compensating increase was obtained in the prices of manufactured goods. These adverse conditions still prevail, and the directors view with some anxiety the probable result of this year, for which the outlook is not at all favourable. The directors have transferred from the reserve fund a sum of Rs. 98,634-9-3, to the depreciation of machinery and building extension of winding, warping and sizing departments. They have also recently placed an order for 128 looms, and the necessary extension to the weaving shed to accommodate them is now being made. During the year 6 ashworths cards, and 3 pairs of mules, were ordered on replacement, and which have been received and erected. The mill buildings machinery, and other contents are insured against fire for Rs. 34,81,000. The profits and fixed charges have also been insured for £15,000, and £5,000 respectively. The directors in the early part of the year invited Mr. Bhagwandas Narottamdas to join the Board, and they now regret very much to have to record his death, which took place shortly after he assumed office.

A dividend of Rs. 60 was declared and Messrs. A.G. Dovey and T. Powell were re-elected directors. Messrs. C. C. Mody and N. E. Setna were appointed auditors. A vote of thanks to the Chair terminated the proceedings.

SASSOON AND ALLIANCE SILK MILL.

The annual meeting of this Company was held yesterday, Mr. A. G. Dovey presiding.

The following report was adopted: The result of the year's working shows a balance to the credit of Rs. 1,07,263-12-5 including Rs. 2,922-11-1 brought over from the previous year. The directors propose to appropriate this amount as follows:—To a dividend of Rs. 35 per share on 3,000 shares, free of income tax, Rs.70,000; to be written off for depreciation and replacement of machinery, Rs. 35,000; to be paid to office and mill establishment as bonus, Rs. 2,000: Total Rs.1,07,000, leaving a balance of Rs. 263-12-5 to be carried forward. During the year under review your directors have extended the bleaching, drying and hand-finishing rooms, etc. at a cost of Rs. 14,700, and have purchased new machinery for the waste silk department at an aggregate cost of Rs. 91,000. Further machinery is on order for the waste silk department and it is hoped that by the end of this year the renewals of all the machinery in the department will have been completed. The Company's property consisting of mill buildings machinery, stock in trade and cloth in market is insured against fire for Rs. 1,17,26,000. The Company's profits and fixed charges have been insured for Rs. 1,50,000 in London. Your directors regret to report that owing to ill-health Messrs. Vijbhucandas Atmaram and Dayabhoy Tapidas have both been compelled to resign their seats on the Board. Your directors desire to place on record their appreciation of the valuable assistance received from them in the management of the Company's affairs. Mr. Chunilal Vijbhucandas has been appointed a director in the place of Mr. Vijbhucandas Atmaram and this appointment will have to be confirmed.

A dividend of Rs. 35 was declared and the proceedings terminated after the election of auditors and directors.

ALLEGED CHEATING.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, APRIL 14.

The hearing was in the Police Court to-day in the case in which Mr. Hamilton Campbell and Co and Mr. J H Bradley are charged with having cheated Abdul Aziz of Messrs. Bukan Elahie and Co out of Rs. 2,37,500. The evidence was gone into and case adjourned to 22nd instant

BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

Trust Finances.

The adjourned monthly meeting of the Bombay Municipal Corporation was held yesterday afternoon, Dr. K. S. Dadachanji presiding.

The Corporation granted leave of absence until November next to Mr J. S. Wardlaw Milne as he was proceeding to England.

CONGESTION OF TRAFFIC.

Mr. Joosab Haji Suleman Patel and several others, merchants and residents of Abdul Rehman Street, in a letter stated that since the advent of electric tram cars and Municipal motor vehicles the traffic in Abdul Rehman Street had been so congested that people could hardly pass through the street with safety and that this state of affairs was rendered worse by the carelessness of the drivers of these vehicles. They complained also of the noise and bustle caused by these cars and the smoke and dust raised by them, and requested that the route of the Municipal motor vehicles might be diverted and the speed of the tram cars slackened so as to obviate the existing danger to the public and that the drivers might be severely dealt with in cases of accidents.

On the motion of Mr. S. K. Barodawalla, it was resolved to forward the letter to the Standing Committee and the Commissioner for favour of remarks.

TRUST FINANCES.

On the motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtoola it was resolved to record the letter from the Secretary, Bombay Improvement Trust, to the President, forwarding a copy of the Budget Estimate of Income and Expenditure of the Board for the year 1910-11, which was considered and sanctioned by the trustees at a special meeting of the Board on the 20th February 1910.

Mr. Joseph Baptista said that the expenditure of the Improvement Trust had gone up to Rs. 24 1-2 lakhs, while the income stood at only 22 1-2 lakhs, and the latter sum included the contribution from the Corporation of Rs. 8 lakhs. Notwithstanding the Municipal contribution, there was thus a deficit of about two lakhs. It had been urged on behalf of the Trust that a great portion of the land possessed by it was still unleased. But, Mr. Baptista said it had to be remembered that at least three years would be required to develop the undeveloped land and to lease it. He wanted to know how much of the Trust land still remained undeveloped and how long it would take to be developed. He referred to the condition of the newly-opened Sandhurst Road. He said it was a disgrace to the city that shabby shanties should have been allowed to be erected on that magnificent road. No doubt the leasing of the road for the purpose of erecting these shanties must have brought in a good revenue; but he asked them to consider the effects which this would have on the city. If permanent buildings had been built on this road, that would have reduced the overcrowding in other parts of the city. It was undoubted that overcrowding led to a correspondingly high mortality. The Trust should not delay the erection of permanent buildings even if they did not get the maximum rent. The Trust should not go on the principle of £ s. d. but he must be liberal in this respect. He asked the Trust to lease its lands on a more liberal basis and to see if any retrenchments, were possible in the direction of expenditure. He wanted to know the number of schemes undertaken by the Trust that were urgent. The Trust should make retrenchments in its expenditure and the Government might forego the interest which the Trust owed to them.

Mr. Jamsetji A. Wadia said it was true a big sum had been contributed to the Trust, by the Corporation; but he wanted to know the value of the land that had in the shape of roads been handed over by the Trust to the Corporation. Surely the Corporation had got, over and above the improvement of the city effected by the Trust, something in return for the contributions it had made to the Trust. The improvement of the city meant money, and if the Trust had not existed, the Corporation would have had to take up the improvement.

The Hon'ble Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtoola replying to the debate said that the one thing they must remember was that the entire liabilities of the Trust had been falling upon the rate payers. He had repeatedly urged them to make a representation to Government drawing their attention to the fact that the original intention of the Act that the expenditure should be equitably shared by the rate payers and the taxpayers had failed and that the expenditure had unduly fallen on the former. In the programme which the Government had drawn up for the building and improvement of the City, they had given the Corporation the promise that they would make a substantial contribution to the expenditure. But he was glad to see that the Corporation had rightly insisted that the Government should indicate the extent of the financial assistance which it intended to give, before they (the Corporation) pronounced an opinion on the whole scheme. He hoped the difficulties of the Corporation would be removed by an equitable basis of sharing the expenditure. It would be rather premature at this stage to go upon the question of the share here, because it was under consideration and was approaching finality and would be shortly decided. But he hoped that an equitable basis of sharing the expenditure would be found. Mr. Rahimtoola proceeded to say that those who thought that the rate-payers had contributed a small sum to the Trust, laboured entirely under a misapprehension. They should remember that the Trust had been contracting debts, of which the ultimate liability fell upon the rate-payers under Section 80, and that while the liability of the Government was limited, that of the Corporation's was unlimited. The debt had been going on increasing, involving future generation of rate-payers, who would have to pay it. Coming to the question of chawls, Mr. Rahimtoola said that the Trust had not neglected its duties in this connection. As to the complaint made by Mr. Baptista as regarded the erection of shanties, Mr. Rahimtoola said they could not sell the land on Sandhurst Road at a nominal rate. They had, therefore, no alternative, but that of allowing temporary structures to be put up there, which had brought in a good revenue.

The motion was carried.

Sir Bhalchandra Krishna moved that the Municipal Commissioner be requested to adopt immediate measures for remedying the defective water supply at Girgaum Back Road and the adjoining localities about which, it is understood, several complaints have been made to the Commissioner; the Water Department and the Standing Committee, that if the capacity of the present main is not sufficient to meet the legitimate demands of the localities in question, the Commissioner be requested to submit at an early date proposals for replacing the same by a main of adequate capacity.

Mr. J. A. Wadia said that the only remedy to meet complaints like this, was to duplicate the Tansa Main.

INSUFFICIENT WATER SUPPLY.

Dr. Sakhi, Rao Bahadur Dnakji Kashinath and Mr. S. Mistry drew the attention of the Commissioner to the conduct of some of the water-inspectors towards tenants who had complained of insufficient water supply.

The Hon'ble Sir Pherozeshah Mehta said he knew the necessity which existed of duplicating the Tansa Main. But that would take time, and he asked what they were going to do in the meantime to meet the complaints about the insufficiency of the water supply. Mr. Wadia's suggestion meant that, until the Tansa main was duplicated, they should sit with folded hands. In Sir Pherozshah's opinion the best remedy was to appoint a special whole-time expert to look to a proper distribution of water, and he hoped that the government would speedily proceed with the legislation in the matter of appointing an officer like that as the Corporation had requested them to do. He suggested to Sir Bhalchandra to modify his proposition to the effect that the Commissioner be asked to state if he had received complaints about a defective water supply at Girgaon, and if so, whether the complaints were true, and that the Commissioner be asked to suggest measures to remedy the defect.

Sir Bhalchandra accepted the modification, and the proposition so modified was passed.

The Corporation then adjourned to Thursday next.

WEEKLY PLAGUE MORTALITY.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT).

SIMLA, APRIL 11.

Last week the plague mortality was 23,988 against 27,311 cases. The Punjab had 10,900 deaths; the United Provinces, 6,893; Rajputana, 2,110; Bengal, 2,379; Bombay, 779; Burma, 422; Central Provinces, 322; Central India, 134; Mysore, 40; Madras, 9; Hyderabad, North-West Frontier Provinces and Baluchistan showed clean bills.

A CHAT ABOUT BOOKS.

£51 for "Omar Khayyam."

FROM QUARITCH'S "TWOPENNY BOX."

Some time ago it was narrated how Edward Fitzgerald, disgusted with the apathy of the public when his "Omar Khayyam" was first published strolled into Quariton's shop, and, in high dudgeon, dumped down a couple of hundred copies, telling the publisher to do what he liked with them. They went into the "twopenny box," and since then Mr. Quaritch the second and other collectors have had to buy them back dearly. In passing, we may add that an insurance company thought so well of the story that it used it as a bit of special pleading, without acknowledgment. On the 23rd ultimo at Sotheby's, a copy of the despised issue turned up, and Mr. Hornstein had to pay £51 for it. On the other hand, take the case of Dean Stanley's sermon in Westminster Abbey on the death of Charles Dickens eleven years after the publication of "Omar." A copy of this in the original wrappers fetched only 3s. As for the first edition of Keats's poems, 1820, the price yesterday was £48, and for Lamb's incomparable "Tales from Shakespeare," 1807, £16. That very rare series of six plates, by Rowlandson, entitled "Masqueroniens," with such titles as "Epicurum," "Tally-Ho Rum," "Physicorum," "Nunina," and "Virginia," published in 1800, appeared also, and realised £44 10s; Goupil's "Femmes de Versailles," after Pierre de Nolhac, 1906-7, making £41, and a copy of the 1549 "Booke of the Common Praier," £70. At Christie's a picture by F. Hayman, a forgotten original member of the Royal Academy, fetched 86gs. It depicted the "Kit-Kat Club" on a canvas 44in. by 56in. not on a "kit-kat" canvas, 36in. by 29in., so-called from the size of the presentation portraits executed of the members by Sir Godfrey Kneller, and given to Jacob Tonson, founder and secretary of the club, which was started about 1,700 by thirty-nine noblemen and gentlemen "favourable to the succession of the House of Hanover." The club first met over the shop of Christopher Catt, pastrycook. Hence the name. A fine black and white drawing, by H. Daumier "Le Demenogement du Constitutionnel," slipped through at 8 1-2 gs.

The term "Blue-stocking" is seldom heard nowadays; perhaps, because women are all so well educated "Your eyes are very blue—And your hose!" sang Mortimer Collins to his "Chloe, M.A."; but to-day no swain would venture to congratulate himself upon his mistress's learning. He takes it for granted. Nevertheless, the days of the "blue-stockings" stood for a good deal in the history of woman's development, and there ought to be fascinating chapters in a book which Miss Ethel Rolt Wheeler has just written for Messrs. Methuen and Co. It is called "Famous Blue-Stockings," and will transport the reader into a world of stately saloons and witty talk, in company with such notable hostesses as Mrs. Montagu, Mrs. Thrale, and Mrs. Vesey, together with learned and amusing guests of the calibre of Hannah More, Elizabeth Carter, and Fanny Burney. The spirit of that world is preserved to us in the poetry of Mr. Austin Dobson, and Miss Wheeler will, no doubt, waft into the atmosphere of courtly dignity and cultured wit.

Immediately after Easter Messrs. Chapman and Hall were to have ready Lady Grove's new volume of essays—Ethical, Literary, and Social—entitled "On Fads," and dedicated (with characteristic humour) "To My Fellow Faddists." Lady Grove roams over many fields in pursuit of the elusive Fad, as may be gathered from a list of the titles of her essays, "Our Children: What Should They be Told?" "Moral Education in the Home," "Love in French and English Fiction," "The Art of Entertaining," "Women's Influence in Public Life," "The Girls of Yesterday, To-day, and To-morrow"—these are a few of her subjects, and in all of them Lady Grove may be relied upon to keep the perfect balance between homily and frivolity, and to say the wise thing in the most graceful fashion possible.

Rear-Admiral Robley D. Evans, of the United States Navy, familiarly known as "Fighting Bob," has brought his reminiscences down to date with a new volume, called "An Admiral's Log," which Messrs. Appleton and Company will shortly publish in this country. This book begins where the same author's "Sailor's Log" left off, and tells the story of his eventful life from 1899 to the present time. It is reported to be packed with incidents, pithily narrated. There is an account of the Admiral's sojourn in the Philippines, of his visit to China when the allied armies where encamped before Pekin, and, towards the close, the detailed record of the cruise of the American fleet from Hampton Roads "round the world and back again," with lively descriptions of festivities by the way.

Sir E. Ray Lankester's "Science From an Easy Chair" will be published by Messrs. Methuen on April 7. It aims at addressing the general reader in a moment of leisure, and attracting him to the popular study of natural history, astronomy, prehistoric archæology, and any number of other learned themes, which from a less engaging tutor might appear to present a formidable programme. In short, the man in the armchair will find himself educated against his will, and amused the whole time his education is proceeding—an excellent method, and one which nobody living could carry out to better advantage than this particular author.

In the early part of April Messrs. Macmillan and Co. will publish Mr. Winston Churchill's latest novel, "A Modern Chronicle," which is announced as an American love-story, whose scenes are laid chiefly in New York. A little later in the month they will issue "A Gentleman of Virginia," by Mr. Percy Brebner, a romance of that favourite period, the days of the American Revolution. They have also the following American works in active preparation: "Days in Court or the Subtle Arts of Great Advocates," by Francis L. Wellman of the New York Bar; "The Spirit of America," by Dr. Henry Van Dyke; and "The Development of Religion; A Study in Anthropology and Social Psychology," by Dr. Irving King of the University of Iowa.

Sir Harry Johnston, whose literary activities are legion, is engaged upon a History of the British Empire in Africa, which will appear at once from the Depository of the National Society. It will form the first of a series of four independent volumes published under the general title of "Britain across the Seas," and will be illustrated by specially engraved maps, both in colour and black-and-white, and by more than 230 pictures, many of them reproduced from original drawings and photographs by the author.

The spring lists of the leading publishers are equally rich in art volumes, a species of literature which becomes more prolific every season. Among books of this class few are likely to be more suggestive than the study of Titian, which Messrs. Methuen will add to their "Classics of Art" series on April 7. The author is Mr. Charles Ricketts, whose sensitive taste is recognised by all art-lovers; and in his survey he has tried to present a study of the tendencies of the entire Venetian school, culminating in the genius of Titian himself. Mr. Ricketts is also re-studying every picture by Titian which which he believes to be authentic, so that the book ought to be of permanent value as a work of reference.

Another promising series of topographical works is announced by Messrs. Blackie and Son under the general title of "Beautiful England." These volumes will deal with places of historic interest described by writers of proved prowess and especial qualification, and each book will contain a dozen coloured plates from original pictures by Mr. E. W. Haslenuret. The variety of the country covered is proved by the first list of volumes, which includes monograph upon Oxford, the English Lakes, Canterbury, Shakespeare's Country, The Thames, and Windsor Castle.

To everyone who is interested in Christian Missions "the Word among the Nations" will be a most acceptable little volume. To repeat the description which appears on the title-page, it is a popular illustrated report of the British and Foreign Bible Society for the year 1908-9. It is not written in the formal manner of ordinary report but in a chatty, easy style gives besides accounts of the progress of mission work, many interesting details of the life and customs of many peoples all over the globe. Quite one of its best features is the frequent full-page illustrations from photographs.

THE gross railway earnings for the year 1909-10 which exceed Rs. 43,32,000, and two lakhs are to constitute a Record. This is better than figures of 1907-08 by one crore andeight lakhs and of 1908-09 by three crore and ten lakhs.

SPORTING NEWS.

AGA KHAN HOCKEY TOURNAMENT.

Wilson College Gymkhana vs. East Surrey Regiment.

This was rather a dull game at Marine Lines. Opening the game Wilson College attacked several times in succession, but each time were sent back by the Soldiers defence. After one of these the College forwards carried from the twenty-five line with a pretty bit of combination, but were well pulled up by love. After this the College men were hard pressed round their goal for some time, but their shooting was wild. They had bad luck when a shot from Gillett missed the goal by inches only. For the remainder of this half the Surreys had the better of the game, but the score sheet was still blank when the whistle sounded.

Both teams began the second half in a promising manner. The Surreys failed to take advantage of two corners, and in their turn Desai missed a chance by sending a feeble shot when both backs had been beaten. It was not till ten minutes from time that the first score was made by Maclean for the Surreys. Bennett soon afterwards scored a second and the soldiers won by two goals. Result:—

East Surrey Regiment ...	...	...	2
Wilson Coll. Gymkhana ...	...	...	0

Teams:—

East Surrey Regiment.—Goal, Waines; backs, Churn and Lane; halves Mercer, Lucas and Condon; forwards, Brown, Maclean, Gillett, Gilas and Bennett.

Wilson Coll Gymkhana—Goal Billimoria; backs, Clifford and Spencer; halves Lalsaca, Dacunha and Navalker; forwards Chanbai, Spencer, Desai, Millard and Cunningham.

PIONEERS B. vs. PARSI PIONEERS B.

In this same again at the Gymkhana, there was to score until well on in the second half the game was vigorous enough but of a very scrambling sort. The Pioneers had rather the better of the game in the first half, but towards the close the Parsi Pioneers pressed, but spoiled their efforts by putting offside and shooting wildly. In the second half the Pioneers did good deal of pressing, but the opposing goalkeeper did some clever work. Presently however Guard scored with a good shot and a second score from the same side followed soon after. Result:

Pioneers B	2
Parsi Pioneers B.....	0

Parsi Pioneer,: Goal. Cabinet, backs, Motiwalla, and E. Mehta; halves F. Kapadia, Kohla, and C. Mehta, forwards, B. Mehta, N. Kapadia, Karanjia; Vase and Ghandi.

Pioneers B: Goal Anjirbag; backs, Mehta and Palvankar; halves Forbes, Dubash and Misry; forwards Guards, Writer, Chinoy, Bhapoo, and Mapia.

To-day's games will be Poona Gymkhana and Cheshire Regiment and Rising at Br vs. 1st Northampton Regiment.

YACHT CLUB RACES.

Programme for Saturday.

The following Races will be sailed to-morrow the 16th instant:—

"A" Class Handicap.—Course.—Committee vessel to Sunk Rock to port; Mark Buoy to port; North Karanja Buoy to port; South Karanja Buoy to starboard; Committee Vessel. Distance, 11-98 miles. Start at 3-30 p.m.

"B" Class Handicap—Course—Committee Vessel to Sunk Rock to port; Mark Buoy to starboard; South Karanja Buoy to starboard. Committee Vessel. Distance, 9-15 miles. Start at 3-40 p.m.

"C" Class Handicap.—Course—Committee Vessel to Sunk Rock to port; Mark Buoy to port. Committee Vessel: Middle Ground Buoy to starboard. South Troodship Buoy to starboard. Committ Vessel. Distance, 8-46 miles. Startat 3-50 p.m.

GUJARAT CUP PIGSTICKING MEETING.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—I have read in the papers an account of the Gujarat Cup Pigsticking Meeting. The first portion of the letter touches on the scheme projected by Lieut.-Col. Forbes for "placing the Gujarat Cup on a more solid and permanent financial basis." The scheme is undoubtedly sound and there should be no difficulty in obtaining the requisite subscriptions for carrying it through.

But when this has been accomplished, a scheme must be put in hand for obtaining better entries for the competition and a better attendance at the meetings. This year there were 5 entries from Bombay, only 2 from Gujarat, and 6 sporting Indian Gentlemen entered. The "sine qua non" for a Competition of this kind is a place where pigs are plentiful, and "readily accessible" to the Camp. Sportsmen will not enter if it is known that each day it is necessary to ride out 8 or 10 miles to find pig, with the prospect of the same amount of tracking back to Camp after the day's work is over. I see that this year on the first day, after running off 5 heats round the Patri Tank, the Field Master took the competitors 7 miles to find more pigs, and three more heats were run off On the second day the competitors had to go 10 miles to find their pig, and during the day three heats were run off. On the third day a ride of 11 miles had to be undertaken before hunting commenced and during the whole day only one pig was found. On the last day, when things were looking desperate and the final of the Salmon Cup had yet to be run off, the Field Master, "with a sporting generosity that all appreciated," took the competitors to "his own pet preserve and happy hunting ground," the Kharaghoda Tank. Here there were plenty of pig, and the final of the Salmon Cup was run off, and then before going back to tiffin Mr. Macnamara most sportingly provided a couple of hours hunting and a good pig was killed." It should be mentioned that the Kharaghoda Tank is within 4 miles of the Camp at Patri. It may also be mentioned that in 1904 the Gujarat Cup Meeting was at Patri. The entries then were about double what they were this year. We had "two" chances for the Gujarat Cup—and we had two Point-to-Point Races. Yet everything was comfortably got through in three days, and, if I remember right, we were never more than 4 miles from Camp during the whole time!! This is explained by the fact that we hunted most of the time round the Kharaghoda Tank. But this year the best hunting ground, readily accessible to the Camp, appears to have been practically closed to the Meeting by the Field Master, who apparently looks upon the Kharaghoda Tank as "his own pet preserve and happy hunting ground," in consequence of which the competitors at the meeting had to ride long distances daily to find their pig!! I ask pigsticking sportsmen whether they consider this sort of thing conducive to attracting entries for Gujarat Cup Meetings in future. If Gujarat Cup Meetings are to continue successfully it must be arranged to hold them at different places in rotation. It is well-known that there are plenty of pig round Baola, where the Camp was last year; but the country is very difficult to work, and it will not stand hunting over year after year. Patri is a delightful Camp and there are always plenty of pig round about, but chiefly in the rushes round the Kharaghoda Tank. Another good place is Kalol, in His Highness the Gaekwar's Territory, where the meeting was held in 1905. This place only wants to be properly exploited to afford excellent hunting. My suggestion is to select three places and hunt them in rotation. If better places than Baola, Patri and Kalol can be found, by all means do so; but whatever places are decided upon, I say, in the interests of sport, let none of the country round about be closed to a Sporting Competition of this importance.—Yours, etc.,

HARRINGTON BULKLEY.

DARJEELING HAILSTORM.

Tea Gardens Cut to Pieces.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, APRIL 14.

A Darjeeling telegram states that a severe hailstorm occurred in the Darjeeling district on Tuesday night, doing a great amount of damage to the growing tea of the gardens at the Nagri estate. The gardens were cut to pieces, and other gardens suffered in a like manner.

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

("Bombay Government Gazette," April 14).

Mr Panachand Jeychand Mehta to be Deputy Assistant Potitical Agent, Kathiawar.

Mr Keshavlal Girdharlal Trivedi to be Deputy Assistant Political Agent, Rewa Kantha.

Mr. Ramkrishna Venkatrav Padbidri, Mamlatdar and Magistrate of the Second Class in the district of Kanara, is appointed, to be a Magistrate of the First Class in that district.

The powers of a Magistrate of the Second Class conferred on Mr. Balkrishna Absji Darp being no longer required, are withdrawn.

Mr Saiyid Jaffar Saiyid Zain El Edrus to be Third Grade Deputy Superintendent of Police vice Mr P E Venkat Subu, deceased.

Mr Kavasha Kharsedji Sunawala, Second Class Subordinate Judge of Dahanu is invested within the local limits of the ordinary jurisdiction of the Second Class Subordinate Judge's Court of Panvel, with the jurisdiction of a Judge of a Court of Small Causes Court.

Mr Phiroze Hoshang Dastur, Second Presidency Magistrate, Bombay, is granted privilege leave for three months with effect from the 19th April.

Mr Phirozshah Jehangir Taleyarkhan, Joint Judge and Additional Sessions Judge, Thana, shall try all cases committed and hear all appeals presented to the Court of Session in the Thana Sessions Division during the ensuing annual vacation.

The combined leave for seven months and sixteen days granted to Mr Saiyid Jaffar Saiyid Zain El Edrus, Third Grade Deputy Superintendent of Police, is extended by one month.

The resignation of Mr Navroji Jahangirji Gamadia of the post of Honorary Presidency Magistrate, Bombay, has been accepted.

Mr Mukundrai Ghelabhai Mehta to be substantive pro tem. Second Class, Fourth Grade, Subordinate Judge, on probation, with effect from the date of his appointment as Acting Second Class, Fourth Grade, Subordinate Judge, Kapadvanj, and up to the date on which he was confirmed as a Second Class, Fourth Grade, Subordinate Judge.

Mr Bangalore Krishnarav, LCE, is granted, privilege leave for one month and twenty-four days combined with furlough for ten months and six days from the 5th April or the subsequent date of relief.

Mr Sayaji Shivaji Poredi to be Huzur Deputy Collector, Ahmednagar, vice Mr Shalom Bapuji Israel retiring with effect from date of relief.

Mr Yashavant Balappa Borkar to act as Huzur Deputy Collector, Belgaum pending further orders.

Mr. Narsyanprasad Ranchhodji Mehta to be Native Assistant to the Collector of Salt Revenue, Bombay, vice Mr Vinayakrao M Moray, promoted.

Mr Ganpat Sadashiv Rao, M A, LL B, J P, Acting Government Pleader. High Court, Bombay, is appointed a member of the Rule Committee under section 123 of the Code of Civil Procedure, Act V of 1908, in place of the Honourable Mr Mahadev Bhaskar Chaubal, B A, LL B, resigned.

Mr Vinayak Narayan Ghate is authorised to practise as a Pleader the Khandesh District.

Mr Dattatraya Parasharam Chinchalkar, LL B, is authorised to practice as a Pleader in such Court or Courts of the Poona District as may be assigned to him by the District Judge.

Mr Shankar Damodar Bapat, LL B, is authorised to practise as a Pleader in the Poona District.

Mr Laksbman Venkatesh Manjrekar, LL B, is authorised to practise as a Pleader in the Belgaum District.

Mr Sitaram Appaji Upadhye, is authorised to practise as a Pleader in the Satara District.

Mr Keshav Sakharam Patankar, B A, LL B, is authorised to practise as a Pleader in the Khandesh District.

Mr. Ratilal Kalidas Trivedi, LL B, is authorised to practise as a Pleader in the Ahmedabad District.

Mr. Raghunath Shripat Sule is authorised to practise as a Pleader in the Poona District as in lieu of the Thana District.

On the expiry of his leave, Mr Lallubhai Jivchand to be Thandar of Sabarkantha in the Mahi Kantha Agency.

Mr Ambalal Madhavlal Lukhia, Mamlatdar of Dohad, is granted ten days' privilege leave in combination with three months' leave on medical certificate in continuation of the privilege leave granted to him Mr Narandas Jamnadas Mehta continuing to act.

The following transfers and appointments of Mamlatdars are ordered:—Mr Mulji Kalidas Shukla to be Mamlatdar of Mandvi. Mr Erachshah Jehangirshah Taleyarkhan on reversion to British service after the expiry of his privilege leave to be Mamlatdar of Bulsar. Mr Chunilal Umedbhai on relief to be Mamlatdar of Bulsar pending Mr Taleyarkhan's return from leave. Mr Purshottam Jogibhai Bhatt, Aval Karkun, Mandvi, to act as Mamlatdar of Bardoli vice Mr Jekisandas Bhailal pending further orders.

Mr. G V Joshi, Extra Head Karkun, Ahmednagar, on Rs. 70, is appointed to act as Mamlatdar of Shevgaon during the absence of Mr. R V Gadgil appointed to act as District Deputy Collector, Ahmednagar, or until further orders.

Mr. Ramchandra Trimbak Dev, B. A., Head Karkun, on Rs. 80, at Nandurbar, is appointed to act as Mamlatdar of that taluka during the period intervening between the departure of Mr. Kelkar and the arrival of Mr. Kulkarni.

One month's privilege leave granted to Mr. V. M. Dabholkar, Mamlatdar of Malsiras, is extended by one month, Mr. Khedkar continuing to act.

Mr. G R Awati, Extra Head Karkun, Taluka Kopargaon, on Rs. 80, is temporarily appointed to act as Mamlatdar of Sangamner.

Mr Shriniwas Venkatesh Hodlur is appointed as Clerk of the Court, Subordinate Judge's Court, Bagalkot, vice Mr. Raghavendra Bapurao Jarapur appointed as Nazir in the said Court.

Mr Gopal Krisana Kulkarni is appointed substantive pro tem. Nazir and Clerk of the Court, Bail-Hongal, vice Mr. Anugli Dattatraya Vaidya promoted.

The following appointments of Clerk of the Court are made:—Mr Mahadeo Krishna Vaidya to be Clerk of the Court, Kalyan, vice Mr. D R Gupte, transferred. Mr Govind Narayan Kozwal to be Clerk of the Court, Bhiwndi, vice Mr N V Athavale transferred. Mr Ganesh Vinayak Oke to be Clerk of the Court, Roha, vice Mr G P Upadhye, transferred. Mr Krishnaji Pandurang Tungare to act as Clerk of the Court, Basseia, pending further orders vice Mr V J Kelker, proceeding on leave.

Mr. Lallubhai Prahlal Mehta, First Class Magistrate, Olpad is empowered to transfer any case or cases for inquiry or trial of which he has taken cognizance to either of the Third Class Magistrates in the taluka having jurisdiction.

Mr. Raghunath Keshav Likhite, acting Head Karkun and Magistrate, Third Class, Taluka Manim District Thana, is invested with additional powers specified in Schedule IV of the Code of Criminal Procedure V of 1898.

Mr. Vishnu Gurnath Hudli, Mahalkari and Magistrate, Second Class, Chandgad, is hereby invested with additional powers under Schedule IV of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898.

Mr. H. R. Kotnavala, Deputy Superintendent of Police, assumed charge of his special duty under Mr J A Guider, Special Assistant to the Deputy Inspector-General of Police, Railways and Criminal Investigation, at Poona, on the 5th April.

Third Grade Police Inspector Balaji Govind Aware, of the East Khandesh District, is granted two months' privilege leave with effect from the 1st May.

Third Grade Police Inspector Kumar Shri Mansingbji of the Surat District, is granted privilege leave for six weeks with effect from the 20th April or subsequent date.

POONA ISLAMIA SCHOOL.

On the 13th instant, writes a correspondent, Haji Yusuff Sobahni—whose charity towards Muslim students is seen in the shape of Sobhani Hostel attached to the Anjuman-i-Islam High School, Bombay, Sobhani Free Library and Sobnani scholarship in the St. Xavier's College, Bombay—paid a visit to the Poona Islamia School, where he was received by the members of the School Committee. He was afterwards taken round each class by the Secretary of the School. During his inspection he expressed himself pleased with the work the school was doing. He was also pleased to note that moral education had already been introduced into the school, where regular moral lecturers were delivered in simple Urdu by the leading Maulvies of the various mosques and by the School Masters; also, afterwards expressing his satisfaction about the meritorious work done by the school, which is the only institution of its kind in Poona. He gave a subscription to the School Fund and promised to help the institution in future praying to God that the institution may soon become a complete Anglo-Urdu High School, the necessity of which is very badly felt in the Deccan. He expressed a desire that benevolent and philanthropic Mahomedans would help the institution as far as they could.

INFLUENCE OF CATHOLIC IDEAS ON LITERATURE.

The Rev. Father Rembold delivered an interesting lecture on the "Influence of Catholic Ideas and Ideals on Literature" yesterday at the Cavel Catholic Library, the Rev. Father A. Seither presiding. Starting from the serious charge brought against modern European Literature by a "highly placed Hindu gentleman" that "the tone of the great masters of modern European Literature, is alien from Christianity, if not opposed to it," the Rev. lecturer made the following statements:—(1) The priceless treasure of God-inspired ideals, that were given in the Divine Literature of the Sacred Scriptures to the chosen few, was opened and made acceptable to the Antique-Roman Empire through the Catholic authentic translation and classical interpretation of the Fathers of the Church. What an immense influence Biblical ideals gained through this on Literature inspiring, purifying, enriching, and enabling every conception of beauty thereof every nation bears witness. The Bible trained and inspired the genius not only of Dante in Italy, Calderon in Spain and Racine in France, but also that of the English Milton and the German Goethe. (2) The Catholic faith, which filled the minds of poets with the high ideas of God, issued forth in hymns that adorn a liturgy, which is poetry itself. This liturgy became catholic, the common good of the

BY THE WAY.

WHAT IS "QUEEN ANNE'S BOUNTY"?

"Queen Anne's Bounty," the governors of which have just been making their annual distribution of surplus funds, is a mysterious 'fairy godmother' with whose exact nature few people seem familiar. In old days the Popes exacted from the richer Anglican benefices "first-fruits," or "annates," and at the Reformation these payments went to King Henry and his successors. Queen Anne did not give anything of her own to the Church, but merely restored money collected from the clergy, which her predecessors had appropriated. In addition to the "first-fruits," the governors now have several millions invested, the interest of which is divided among poor benefices.

THE FRENCH TOBACCO MONOPOLY.

An increase in the tobacco-tax in France has brought forth a mass of official statistics on the subject of its productivity. Every Frenchman, it appears, spends on an average thirteen francs a year on tobacco, and of these thirteen francs no less than eleven francs and ninety-seven centimes go to support the revenue. The monopoly was first instituted by Louis XIV. in 1674. The Revolutionists abolished it in 1791, and the Bourbons restored it in 1817. In the first year of its renewal it brought in an income of £2,480,000. In 1903 it was yielding £17,360,000. In 1908 the yield was £20,360,000, and the Minister of Finance estimates that in a year's time it may be expected to yield little short of £23,000,000.

OLIVER PLUNKETT.

"Blessed Oliver Plunkett," whose beautification has been approved by the Vatican Council, is the famous Primate of Ireland who was executed at Tyburn, July 1, 1681, on a charge of high treason. There is an excellent contemporary portrait of him in the National Portrait Gallery, Trafalgar-square. In 1679 he was arrested on the charge of conspiracy to bring 20,000 Frenchmen into Ireland, and of having levied money from his clergy for the purpose of maintaining 70,000 men for an armed rebellion. The principal witnesses against him were some disreputable priests and friars whom he had suspended for bad conduct. His head is still preserved in a convent at Drogheda.

THE CLOTHING OF THE WOMAN.

Dr. Haig Ferguson, in a lecture at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary the other day, had some severe things to say about the clothing of the adult woman. It was hampered by fashion and superstition, and nothing could be a greater tribute to the strong nerves and powerful muscles of women than the fact that their health had survived for centuries their habits of clothing. A woman's clothing was the despair of the hygienist. Children and girls were more sensibly clad, but when girls grew up they were often clothed in a way which made them unable to walk, run, or breathe. Weighty skirts, low-necked gowns, "pneumonia blouses," the modern hat, the high-heeled shoe, with its pointed toe, were all condemned. But then women will have it so, and so it will remain.

CHURCH TITLES.

The Church of England, Mr. Arthur Reynolds states in the April "Treasury," possesses two Cardinals. They are two members of the College of Minor Canons attached to St. Paul's Cathedral. Their title is Cardinals of the Choir, and they are distinguished as Senior and Junior Cardinals. The Church also possesses one Archpriest. The incumbency of Haccombe, near Newton Abbot in Devon, is held under the title of Rector and Archpriest. The title appears to have been given to the head of a college of six priests connected with the Church, being founded, it is said, in pursuance of the intention of Sir Stephen de Haccombe, in 1341. The college was endowed with a moiety of the tithe of Quithiock, in Cornwall, which endowment is still enjoyed, to the chagrin of the Vicar of Quithiock, by the Rector and Archpriest of Haccombe, now the sole survivor of the old college of six priests.

THE LATE BISHOP OF LINCOLN.

Another contributor to the same magazine gives an interesting glimpse of the late Bishop of Lincoln. For nearly twelve years his lordship entertained the students of Ely Theological College on Ascension Day. The party would arrive in time for sext, said in the Palace Chapel at one o'clock. After that the party would have lunch with the Bishop, and in the afternoon would be shown over the Cathedral by the chaplain. After tea the Bishop would sign portraits of himself on picture postcards, and then say a few prayers. A correspondent who was present on the last occasion describes Dr. King as walking up and down a very green lawn in the garden of the Palace when they arrived.

A PLEASANT PICTURE.

"He was leaning on the arm of a chaplain," the correspondent goes on to say, "and was dressed in a purple cassock and cap. His figure was slightly bent, but his face was very impressive. The scene was very mediæval. The Bishop, arrayed in a purple cassock, walking on the green grass—the Palace in the background, lit up by brilliant sunlight. It was a singularly peaceful view. The Bishop shook hands with each one—the party consisted of about thirty—and made some kind and pleasant remark to each. At dinner he told many stories of a generation of Churchmen that has passed away—of Liddon, Pusey, Bright, and Wordsworth. We could not but be struck with his simple geniality and quiet vivacity. When, before our departure, he said a few prayers, we realised something of what prayers could be. Such was the glimpse we had of a Bishop, 'not self-willed, not soon angry, but given to hospitality, a lover of good.'"

BRIAR PIPES.

It may not be generally known that wood from which briar pipes are made is the root of the white heather, known to the botanist as "Erica arborea" a plant or shrub that is found in the South of France, on the slopes of the Italian Alps, and on the island of Corsica. After being cleaned of earth the briar roots, a writer in "Fry Magazine" tells us, are sawn into rough blocks of various sizes, packed in jute sacks, and despatched to the pipe manufacturer. Many attempts have been made to find a plant that would do as a substitute for the imported briar, but without success. The first step in the manufacture of a pipe from the briar root is to remove all moisture. To this end the root is allowed to remain in the drying room of the factory three to four months without being subjected to any artificial heat, after which it is placed in special dryers, remaining there about four weeks, and when dry as a bone is ready for the workmen.

REALISING A MOUNTAIN.

So seldom does the sale of a mountain take place, that when such is even contemplated it is worthy of record. The Communal Council of Veytaux, in Switzerland, has under consideration a proposal for the purchase of a mountain in the neighbourhood. The mountain is valued at 275,000 francs, or £11,000. The mountain is difficult of access, so it is proposed to construct one of those wonderful railways as is to be seen at Pilatus or the Rigi, and then to establish Hotels on the top. Of course, the commune is poor, and the "Conscript Fathers" think the purchase price would prove a windfall, hence their desire to realise their mountain. The offer to purchase comes from a company.

A FAMOUS ARMS-OWNER.

With Nadar has gone another celebrity—Franconi. He was Franconi II., the famous son of a famous father, both pre-eminent in the profession which Astley and Mr. Steary adorned. Franconi I. was a partner with Astley in the early Paris circus business, there ring being where the Rue de la Paix runs now. Franconi II. had his show in the Rue Mont Thabor before he moved to the Champs Elysees, and established there what so many generations of youthful admirers were to know as the Cirque Franconi and the Cirque de l'Imperatrice. Franconi II., however, put his equestrian abilities to sterner uses than were marked for the sawdust and the mimic battle. He rode in a cavalry corps during the Franco-Prussian war, and came out of it with the galons of a troop sergeant-major. With his death, the French line of Franconi becomes extinct.

BEAUTY AND HYGIENE.

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GREEN-ROOM GOSSIP.

MR. KEBLE HOWARD, the novelist, a London correspondent writes, has prepared a dramatic version of his book, "The Girl Who Couldn't Lie." The comedy is in three acts, all of which are laid in the home of the heroine, Pauline. Pauline, it will be recalled, lives with her parents in a country town, and one day she lights on a quatrain by Wordsworth, a poet Mr. Howard has "Bovrilised" in his amusing brochure, "Potted Brains." Wordsworth counsels an insistence on the truth, and Pauline sets out to speak her mind, neglectful of the older mandate, which tells us that "mundus vult decipis." Here is the fate that dogs the heels of every revolutionary to whom the world refuses "guarantees." She succeeds in turning her little town upside down. As in "The Man from Blankney's," the piece is peopled by "types," and the actors in the play will find plenty of "character" studies on which to work. Pauline leaves home to face the world which she has foolishly determined not to deceive, and in the end she has range herself with the popular politicians and fall back upon "Compromise"—which seems to be the lesson of the world—and they play. The tag of the piece falls to her sister, who finds her out, and it is delightfully ironic. It is merely the word "Liar!" No one understands the revolutionaries. They are not heroines—even to their sisters.

THE FERRYMEN.

"The Cheerful Knave"—Mr. Howard's play, which has already been produced with Mr. George Elton, who is just now Father Time in "The Arcadians," in the title part—has undergone a reverse process. Mr. Howard has converted it into a novel, which will be soon on the way to the publishers. The novelists, in fact, will have to be spoken to. They collar the dramatic medium and try to make the best of both worlds. It is the "decipi" business on the artistic plane—a "compromise," in the dual roles. The dramatists proper chafed at the incursion when the story-tellers invaded their field. But even the "old brigade" scarcely anticipated their appearance as "ferrymen"—to mix the metaphors—rowing hither and thither between publisher and playhouse. Mr. Howard, however, is a yet more aggravated pluralist, and has arrived in the music-halls as well, aided and abetted by Mr. Leslie Faber, who ought to know better. "The Dramatist at Home" has been played 200 times up and down the country, from the Vaudeville in the Strand to "Empires" remote from the cab radius. To emphasise his "praise of folly," Mr. Howard has repeated the offence and just written "Wisdom Teeth," which Mr. Faber will bring to the Hippodrome later.

MISS ANNA HELD.

Mr. Julian Mitchell, the American manager, is in London arranging for the appearance here next summer of Miss Anna Held, in an entertainment which is to be "a combination of the best things in 'Miss Innocence' and 'The Parisian Model,'" in which Miss Held—who made such a success at the Palace Theatre some time ago—has already appeared in America.

A CHANTECLER SKETCH.

Chantecler, strutting upon the Paris stage, will no doubt entice many English writers into the atmosphere of the farmyard. The first musical sketch one hears of on these lines is one entitled "Mr. and Mrs. Chanticleer—and Another," by Basil Hodder and Baron Jervis-Scalisi, which is is shortly to appear at a principal West End variety hall.

FUTURE ACTOR-MANAGERS.

The "Daily Express" has chosen six of the younger generation of players, and boldly proclaimed that they, and only they—so far as can be foreseen at present—are to be the actor-managers of the future. Certainly, Mr. Gerald du Maurier, Mr. Dennis Eadie, Mr. Henry Ainley, Mr. Edmund Gwenn, Mr. Robert Loraine, and Mr. Lyn Harding—the chosen half-dozen—represent in their various ways all that is best in English acting to-day. It is curious to think that it would be impossible to choose six ladies of similar eminence and talents of the "coming on" generation. The "sense of the theatre" belongs, to all belief, at least as largely to women as to men, and in most places and, in most eras, there have been, and are, as many actresses as actors of the highest talent. But just at present, in England this is not so. One is writing, of course, not of those who have "arrived," but of their successors. Look as carefully as one will, where are the new Marie Tempests, Irene Vanbrughs, Ethel Irvings?

LOVE'S LABOUR LOST.

The Shakspearean play from which some scenes are to be acted at the matinee of the academy of Dramatic Art is "Love, Labour Lost," generally considered to have been the first comedy written by the poet. It is very seldom acted, although in bygone days Mrs. Bulkely is said to have made a hit in it as the Princess of France. It is a delightful thing to read, assuming the reader to be fond of wit, exquisite verbal felicity, and an artificial gaiety as elaborate as that of the Meredithian fragment, "The Sentimentalists," presented at the Duke of York's Theatre the other evening; but that it is a good acting play is hard to believe. With judicious compression, however, it might be as charming in a theatre as it undoubtedly is in the study. In any case, it will be very interesting to see what the young students make of it.

THE ENGLISH PLAYERS.

A small syndicate has been formed under the title of "The English Players" (Limited), with a capital of £5,000 in £1 shares, for the purpose of sending an English company on tour in the Continent with classical and modern English plays. Of this syndicate Viscount Esher, chairman of the National Theatre, has consented to be chairman; and the project has the hearty support of Dr. Gollancz, the hon. secretary of the committee. Mr. Bonband, who for twelve years has successfully conducted a company of French players on tour through Germany and Great Britain, has undertaken the duties of managing director, for which his long experience and business capacity admirably qualify him. The syndicate will take over the assets of the late Frau Illing's enterprise, and counts upon the support of the committees formed in support of her scheme for familiarising German playgoers with English plays and players. Among those who supported Frau Illing in England where the Duchess of Sutherland, General Sir Alfred Turner, the late Lord Mayor, and Sir Harry Johnston.

CHANCES OF SUCCESS.

Assuming the £5,000 to be subscribed and the scheme to be put into operation, an English touring company will have very little success in France or Germany unless the acting is of the very best. Londoners can guess the standard of German acting by the performances given at the Royalty and Kingsway Theatres during the past few years under the management of Herren Behrend and Andersen; and the level attained in such performances of those of "Hannele" at the Royalty five years ago and Rudolf Herzog's "Die Condottieri" at the Kingsway in 1907 is by no means commonly attained by English companies. In G. H. Lewe's "Actors and Acting" occurs the following:—"At a German Hof Theater one is sure of the very best 'ensemble' that the company can suggest, and one will often receive as much pleasure from the performance of quite insignificant parts as from the leading parts of the other stages. The actors are thoroughly 'trained;' they know the 'principles' of their art—a very different thing from knowing the 'business.' They pay laudable attention to one supremely important point, recklessly disregarded on our stage, namely elocution. They know how to 'speak'—both verse and prose; to speak without mouthing, yet with effective cadence; speech elevated above the tone of conversation without being stilted." That was written in 1867, and is as true to-day as it was then. Such a play as "Strife," with the original London cast, could of course, not fail to interest a German audience; but, on the whole, it is not excessive to say that if an English company is to prosper in Germany it must be composed of earnest, intellectual, modest, and accomplished actors—particularly if Shakespeare is to be attempted.

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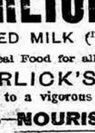
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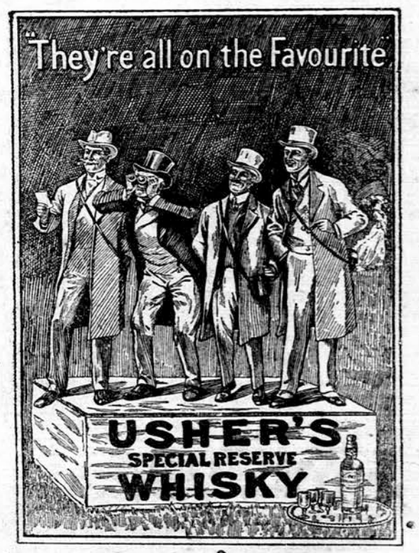

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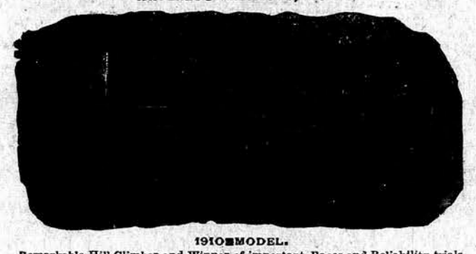

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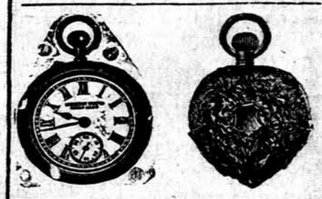

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